

# Narwee News

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## Term 3 Information

### From the Principal. . . . .

Welcome back to another school term!

I am looking forward to leading at Narwee Public School and working closely with all members of the school community to ensure the ongoing improvement of every student. On Monday 17 July, I had the pleasure of collaborating with all staff on teaching and learning opportunities, where students at Narwee Public School can be nurtured to connect, succeed, and thrive.

At this time of the year as the weather is colder, attendance is very important, unless your child is sick or are absent for a justified reason. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing. When your child misses one day a week, that's 40 days of school and 8 weeks of learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 2.5 years of lost learning. We want to do everything we can to help all students be at school every single day, because every day counts.

NSW Department of Education

### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



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I look forward to an exciting and productive term.

Sonia Ibrahim - Relieving Principal

### 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 needed to help your child be an independent learner.

Please ensure all your child's equipment and belongings are clearly labelled.

### School Bytes

#### What is the School Bytes Parent Portal?

The School Bytes Parent portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes

This can be done where you want at any time, day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will accept payments via cash.

#### Absences

You can also submit absences on the School Bytes Parent Portal. This is our preferred method, but a note can also be handed to the class teacher explaining why your child was absent.

#### Academic Reports

Your child's academic reports will be uploaded to your parent portal at the end of Semester 1 & 2 for you to view and download if required.

If you have not signed up already, please contact the office so instructions can be sent home with your child.



School Bytes

## SISA

SISA (Sport In Schools Australia) come into our school once a fortnight and provide the students with two hours of physical activity. SISA run a variety of sporting sessions ranging from gymnastics to athletics. The students are engaged and the program encourages them to want to be active and improve their health.

Students are to wear their sports uniform on the following dates:

Monday 31 July  
Monday 14 August  
Monday 28 August  
Monday 11 September

## School Calendar

### Upcoming Events at Narwee Public School

#### Term 3 Week 2 2023

Tuesday 25 July Athletics Carnival  
Friday 28 July 100 Days of Kindergarten  
Friday 28 July P&C AGM

#### Term 3 Week 3 2023

Monday 31 July SISA  
Wednesday 2 August Education Week Open Day  
Friday 4 August PSSA – Season 2 Starts

#### Term 3 Week 4 2023

Wednesday 9 August Music Festival Rehearsal  
Friday 11 August PSSA

#### Term 3 Week 5 2023

Monday 14 August SISA  
Thursday 17 August Souths Cares: eSafety – Online Safety  
Friday 18 August PSSA

#### Term 3 Week 6 2023

Friday 25 August PSSA

#### Term 3 Week 7 2023

Monday 28 August SISA

Tuesday 29 August Father's Day Stall  
Wednesday 30 August Music Festival Day Rehearsal & Night Performance  
Friday 1 September PSSA

#### Term 3 Week 8 2023

Friday 8 September PSSA

#### Term 3 Week 9 2023

Monday 11 September SISA  
Thursday 14 September Fathering Project  
Friday 15 September PSSA

#### Term 3 Week 10 2023

Wednesday 20 September Camp Begins  
Friday 22 September Camp Finishes  
Friday 22 September Last Day of Term

## Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten enrolments are being accepted for all eligible siblings of those already enrolled at our school. Children must turn 5 before **1 August 2024** 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 required to complete an 'Out of Area' application which will be reviewed by the Out of Area Panel.

To enrol or to complete the 'Out of Area' application, go to the school website and click on the enrolment tab at the top of the home page.

## Education Week Open Day

Narwee Public School will be celebrating Education Week Open Day on

**Wednesday 2 August 2023**

More information will be sent home with students next week.

**Education Week**  
 **2023**

## 100 Days of Kindergarten

The students in KL and KS have been attending 'big school' for 100 days now.

### What a great achievement!

To celebrate we are planning a day of fun activities on

**Friday 28 July 2023**

### All students must wear sports uniform & sports shoes.

Throughout the day the children will be involved in fun experiences that includes:

- Disco
- Short movie
- Art & craft activities
- Making some tasty treats

.....and much, much more!!

If you do not want your child to partake in making or eating any tasty treats, please inform their class teacher.



## Kindergarten Transition

To help your child transition into 'big school' we are offering a 4-Step Transition Program 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 all 4 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 17 October**

**Wednesday 1 November**

**Tuesday 14 November**

**Wednesday 29 November**

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

# COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN!

## Athletics Carnival

**Tuesday 25 July 2023**

This year's annual Athletics Carnival is being held on **Tuesday 25 July** at Campbell Oval, Princess St Canterbury.

### This is a compulsory event for all K - 6 students.

A full day of activities is planned and all students are expected to participate. A note is required if your child isn't able to run. They should still attend as a spectator.

Buses will leave school at 8.30am and return by 3.20pm. **All students must be at school by 8.15am.**

The cost of the carnival is \$12.00 – this amount has been subsidised by the school.

All students are required to travel to and from the oval by the buses provided.

Students are to wear their house colours or their sports uniform with accessories in their house colour. Please ensure that your child brings their school hat and adequate sun protection as well as any medication they require eg: asthma puffers.

Students will need to bring food and drink for the entire day. A BBQ lunch and other food will also be available to purchase at a special school canteen at the ground.

Parents are welcome to attend but must make their own way to and from the oval.

Consent to attend and payment are to be made through the School Bytes Parent Portal. If you have not done this yet, please ensure this is done by **Friday 21 July.**

## Camp News

If your child is attending camp, their next payment of \$90.00 is due by **Friday 4 August.** Payments can be made through the School Bytes Parent Portal or by sending the money to the front office with your child.

### 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.

A list of camp items that your child will need to take to camp will be sent home with all students attending in the weeks leading up to camp. It is important that all items your child takes with them are clearly labelled with their name. Students will need a day pack containing a hat, water bottle, sunscreen and tissues.



## Tips for Healthy Screen Use

Help your child balance screen use for entertainment with other activities to support their physical and mental health.

- Encourage your child to break up watching TV, playing games or scrolling social media with other activities like exercise, social activities and hobbies
- Get involved in offline activities with your child and make it part of the family routine
- Encourage your child to use an alarm clock or app to track or limit the time they spend on social media or playing games
- Limit your own use of screens for entertainment and show how much fun your child can have without a device
- Work with your child to create family rules for screen use like no TV after a certain time

### Avoid using screens before bedtime

Screen time in the bedroom can lead to not getting enough sleep. Screens stimulate the brain and make you more alert – the opposite of what you do when you're trying to go to sleep! The blue light from electronic devices can affect the quality of your child's sleep and disrupts rapid eye movement (REM) and circadian rhythms, causing your child to be tired and moody during the day.

So how to avoid all of this? The best way is to encourage your child to turn off screens in the hours before bedtime. If your child really needs to use a device before bedtime, make sure it's on night time mode. Studies show that night time mode reduces the blue light emissions that are so harmful to your brain and your sleep.



## 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 Hats

School hats are available to purchase from the front office and cost \$15.00. Senior hats for our Year 5 & 6 students can be purchased for \$20.00

A No Hat, No Play policy is implemented at Narwee Public School from Kindergarten to Year 6 as part of our school's sun safety policy. Please ensure your child brings their school hat with them every day.

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

## Peer Support

The Peer Support Program provides a fun and engaging environment for young people to address issues such as bullying, relationships and self-image. Modules are designed to equip young people with skills to deal proactively with life experiences, develop a sense of self worth and belonging and to encourage taking responsibility for decisions and actions. Trained Peer leaders facilitate activities with small groups of younger students. A teacher supervises each group which includes two Peer leaders and multi age groups of 8-10 younger students.

The module we are working on is '**Keeping Friends**'. This module supports children in developing knowledge, skills and attitudes enabling them to make friends more readily and maintain those friendships. **Keeping friends** provides children with opportunities to discuss different types of friendship, the importance of friendships and how to play well together. **Keeping Friends** is underpinned by the premise that resilient children have a broad range of supportive networks as opposed to a single best friend. They are able to move from group to group as the situation arises without relying on the presence of only one other student to influence the quality of their day.

Peer Support will take place each Wednesday from Weeks 2 to 9 and lessons will be approximately 40 minutes. If you have any questions about the Peer Support Program please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Father's Day Stall

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

**Tuesday 29 August 2023**

Gifts will range from \$2.00 to \$6.00.

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 Tuesday 29 August. During break times throughout the week the remainder of the items can be purchased.

Please send your child along with some money on **Tuesday 29 August** so that your child can buy a gift.

A note and price list will be sent home next week with all students.



## Class News

If you have any concerns or queries about your child's learning, the staff at Narwee Public School encourage you to let us know.

The first 'port of call' should always be the class teacher as they will have the best knowledge of your child's learning. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher you can message them through Class Dojo, send a note with your child or contact the office and a message will be passed onto the relevant teacher.

Please be aware that teachers cannot take phone calls during teaching time. Likewise, if you phone before or after school, teachers may have a meeting or be preparing for class. A message will be left for them, and they will get back to you as soon as they are able to.

Please be assured that we value open communication with parents/carers and our teachers are happy to discuss your concerns.

## Mobile Phones

Mobile phones have become an integral part of our society and lifestyle. Whilst we recognise this trend, we strongly encourage students NOT to bring their mobile phones to school unless necessary.

If it is essential for a students to bring a phone to school, the procedures for mobile phones at Narwee PS are as follows:

- Students must bring a signed note from their parent/carer to the office explaining why a mobile phone is being brought to school
- Students must take their mobile phone to the office each morning upon arrival at school and sign it in. Phones are to be collected and signed out at 3.20pm
- Mobile phones are not to be kept with students during the day and MUST NOT be used to take photos or videos at school

The sign in book for mobile phones is kept on the office counter – all students must hand their phone to the office staff to be stored for the day.

Students are not permitted to use their phones throughout the day to take calls from parents or to make calls. If you need to get an urgent message to your child about changes to afternoon pickup arrangements etc please call the office on 9153 9756 or 9153 5578 and the office staff will pass on a message to your child's class teacher.

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

**IMPORTANT**

## Student Absences

If your child is absent for any reason, please enter the date and reason for their absence in the School Bytes Parent Portal or send a signed note explaining the reason 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.

## 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](http://www.yerongauniforms.com)

For further enquiries please call 9759 1555

## 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.

## Important Canteen News

Please be aware 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.

## Arriving at School on Time

Arriving at school and to class on time each day:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

## Important Information

Parents please note 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 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](http://www.transportnsw.info)

## No Parking

The 'No Parking' signs outside the school are labelled with times 8.30-9.30am and 2.45-3.30pm.

Parking for parents is available along Mountview Ave, Chamberlain St and further down Broad Arrow Rd.

Please comply with the 'No Stopping', 'No Parking' and 'Bus Zone' areas outside the school. There is a 'Kiss and Drop' zone across the road from the school.

Please remember the maximum stop time is 2 minutes and drivers must remain in or within 3 metres of their car. Vehicles must not be left unattended.

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

Please also be mindful of our neighbours and not park over driveways especially in Esme Lane Parade.

**Please keep the school driveway clear at all times.**

## Medication at School

Please note that under no circumstances are students permitted to have medication in their school bag other than their asthma puffer. This is for the safety of all our students.

## School Tip

**Let us know if you have any special circumstances**

Any changes to your child's family situation can impact on their emotional and academic well-being.

Please inform your child's class teacher or the Principal of any changed circumstances so that your child can be supported if necessary.

Examples of special circumstances include the birth of a sibling, a separation or divorce or the death of a loved one.

## 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.

## 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.

## Cyberbullying

A reminder to all parents / carers that it is strongly recommended that children under the age of 13 should not be using social media sites of any kind. By doing so, they run the risk of cyberbullying and are generally not mature enough to be able to deal with cyberbullying or run the risk of implicating themselves by responding inappropriately.

## If Your Child is Sick

As the cold weather is upon us it is often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay at home to recover if they are sick, especially if that means an adult cancelling work.

### If your child is sick at school

If your child gets sick at school and they are too ill to go back to the classroom, the school will contact you. For this reason, it is important to keep your contact details up to date with the school, including an alternative contact – such as a relative or neighbour that the school can call should you be unavailable.

### If your child is sick at home

From time to time your child may get sick. For safety purposes, if your child is unwell, you should always keep them at home from school. If they display any of the following symptoms, they should stay at home and see a doctor:

- A fever of 38 degrees or above
- Vomiting or diarrhoea
- Coughs or respiratory symptoms
- Cold or flu symptoms

Should I go to school?



## Sport Levy

If your child will be taking part in PSSA sport on Friday mornings, please ensure they pay their \$8.00 sport levy to their coach each Friday morning before they get on the bus.

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.

## Warm Clothing

It is important that your child comes appropriately dressed for the cold mornings. Please ensure they have a school jacket 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 ensure jumpers, jackets and school hats are all labelled clearly with your child's name.

## Fruit Break

To promote healthy eating, Narwee Public School has a 'Fruit Break' for all classes.

This Fruit Break is at 1.00pm from Monday to Thursday. We would like to encourage all students to bring an extra piece of fruit or vegetables for this time.

## 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 11 December**.

### 2024 Leaders

Next term we will be conducting elections for the Prefects that will lead us in 2024. If students in Year 5 wish to be eligible for nomination as a School Leader, they must exhibit exemplary behaviours throughout the year. They must also be nominated by two other Year 5 students.

During this term 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.



## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## If an Issue Arises at School

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.

## 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 through the School Bytes Parent Portal.**

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.

## 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



## 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.



## 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.

## Getting to School on Time

The weather is cooler in the mornings and at this time of year we find many children arrive late to school.

It is important that parents encourage children to arrive at school on time. Classes begin each day at 9.20am. Some children are arriving well after this time and are missing important learning time. Many say they are late due to sleeping in or not being organised.

Being on time each day and only taking sick days when necessary is a vital part of teaching children the importance of being reliable and valuing their education. Being reliable is learnt from an early age and is the responsibility of each parent / carer.

Please also ensure that your child is picked up from school at the end of the school day on time – school finishes at 3.20pm. Students are often left well after the bell and become distressed when parents are late collecting them. If parents / carers are having trouble being on time in the afternoon After School Care may be of assistance. 3 Bridges can be contacted on 9580 0688.

## Medical News

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

Parents and carers are advised to access 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.



## A Good Night's Sleep

Children need a good sleep each night to be able to cope with the challenges of school. They need to have lots of energy for trying new activities, making friends, listening, following instructions and being confident learners. A good sleep will help your child to:

- Remember what they learn
- Pay attention and concentrate
- Solve problems and think of new ideas
- Play sensibly

## Important School News

We would like to remind all parents that if there are no prior arrangements, you should never take another child out of the school gates, even to help them go and look for their own parents.

Whilst we appreciate that this is well intentioned, it can cause unnecessary distress. The arrangement for all students is that if a parent / carer does not arrive to collect them as organised, students should go directly to the office. A staff member will then contact the parent, and children can wait safely in the office until they are collected. Parents – please assist us by reminding your child what to do if you, or their carer, are not at the designated meeting place in the afternoon.

## Contact Details

### Have you changed your contact details?

It is essential that we have up to date address, contact and emergency contact details for every student at our school. Often when families move, or parents change phone numbers or workplaces, it is easy to forget all the people that need to be notified.

If any of your contact details change, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have changed:

- Address
- Home or mobile phone number
- Workplace – and therefore have a new work contact number
- Email address
- Different emergency contacts to those nominated on your child's enrolment form

If you have moved house, we will need a copy of your lease agreement or purchase agreement to enable us to update the information in our school system.

Changes can be emailed to the school at:  
[narwee-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:narwee-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Every Day Counts in School Attendance

**A day away from school here or there doesn't seem like much but absences add up.**

Student attendance at school has an impact on academic achievement and social & emotional wellbeing for individual students. Good student attendance is achieved when schools and families work in partnership to support every student.

### Attending School

Going to school every day continues to be important in high school, just as it has been from Kindergarten to Year 6.

What your child learns each day builds on what they learned the day before. If your child misses school, their learning routine is broken. Students can also lose confidence and miss out on building their friendships. You have a legal responsibility to send your children to school every school day.

If your child misses school due to illness, religious reasons, family circumstances or other reasons, please contact the school. Please remember a note must be sent in as soon as your child returns to school explaining the reason for their absence.

If your child arrives at school late or needs to leave early, they will need to be signed in or out at the school office where a reason will be recorded for their partial absence.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school every day and on time, you can contact their classroom teacher or Ms Ibrahim.

When your child misses just one day per fortnight they are missing 4 weeks per year which equates to over 1 year missed over their school life.

## Fathering Project . . . Save the Date

**Thursday 14 September 2023  
4.00 – 6.00pm in the Library**

You are invited to our Fathering Project event this term. Join us for this informal and informative event 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. Keep an eye on Class Dojo for more information closer to the date.

## Last Day of Term 3

The last day for Term 3 is  
**Friday 22 September**

**All students return for Term 4 on Monday 9 October**



## Music Festival Rehearsal

**Wednesday 9 August 2023**

The second rehearsal for the Combined Public Schools Music Festival is being held on **Wednesday 9 August** at Beverly Hills Public School.

All students will need to wear full school uniform to the rehearsal along with their school hat.

Students will need to be at school by 8.50am to catch the train at 9.25am.

Due to time restrictions, we are unable to wait for any students who arrive late. It is expected that students will return by 2.45pm.

The students will catch a train at 9.25am from Narwee train station to Beverly Hills train station and will then walk 10 – 15 minutes to Beverly Hills Public School.

All students attending will need a Green Youth Opal Card with sufficient funds for the return trip from Narwee to Beverly Hills – the total cost will be \$3.80 return.

Students should bring a small backpack with their drink bottle, lunch and recess to have during the rehearsal. It is also advisable to send your child along with a raincoat and umbrella should wet weather be forecast.

If your child is in the Senior Choir and will be attending the rehearsal, please ensure you give consent online through the School Bytes Parent Portal no later than **Wednesday 2 August**.

## 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.

## 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 some students about a few incorrect items of clothing creeping in.

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 (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.

## Lollies & Chewing Gum 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.

## Sports Information

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





# PARENT INFORMATION

## KEEPING FRIENDS: RELATIONSHIPS MODULE

### Why Teach Relationships?

A child's view of their school experience is inextricably tied to the relationships they were able to establish. These include relationships with their teachers and other adults as well as relationships involving older or younger students. However the most profound relationships existing within the school are the friendship groups.

Friends are a critical component in a successful school experience. Strong friendships provide support and permission to have fun. They are a significant contributor to a child's resilience. As children age they become even more reliant on friends as a source of advice and acknowledgment of who they are.

Children are generally willing to make friends readily with others, however not all children have the necessary skills to maintain those friendships in times of tension and conflict. They can be taught to speak and act in ways that draw others towards them, rather than turning them away.

Many children display a competitive nature during play. How they treat others during the game, or after they have won or lost, can influence the way others see them, either for the better or worse.

Students who are easy to get along with, supportive and encouraging of others and fair in their interactions with their peers are more likely to maintain positive friendships.

Students with good relationship skills can move from one group to another, confidently ask to join in with others and are able to cope with occasional rejection.

### About Keeping Friends

This module supports children in developing knowledge, skills and attitudes enabling them to make friends more readily and maintain those friendships.

Keeping Friends provides children with opportunities to discuss different types of friendship, the importance of friendships and how to play well together.

Keeping Friends is underpinned by the premise that resilient children have a broad range of supportive networks as opposed to a single best friend. They are able to move from group to group as the situation arises without relying on the presence of only one other student to influence the quality of their day.

Parents can assist their children by encouraging them to play with many different children, hence strengthening their social capacity and ability to cope. The following is a list of key behaviours parents can encourage in their children to help promote friendship skills:

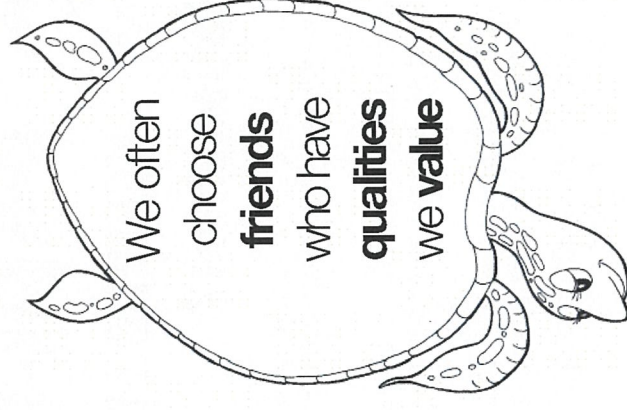
- talking with others during play
- taking a genuine interest in others
- smiling often
- providing help to others
- offering encouragement
- being willing to share with others
- learning how to move graciously into or out of a group.

For more information visit Michael Grose's website: Parenting Ideas. (<http://www.parentingideas.com.au/>)

## Benefits for my Child

All participating students benefit from the Peer Support Program by

- identifying qualities of friends
- broadening their friendship base
- recognising the importance of friendships
- becoming more welcoming of others
- engaging in positive play



## Questions & Answers

### What is the Peer Support Program?

The Peer Support Program provides a fun and engaging environment for young people to address issues such as bullying, relationships, and self image. Modules are designed to equip young people with skills to deal proactively with life experiences, develop a sense of self worth and belonging, and to encourage taking responsibility for decisions and actions.

### How does the Peer Support Program work?

Trained Peer leaders facilitate activities with small groups of younger students. A teacher supervises each group which includes: two Peer leaders and multi age groups of 8-10 younger students.

### How can I support the Peer Support Program in my child's school?

Discuss with your child the activities, concepts and understandings they are developing each week. This helps to foster a positive connection between school and home.



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Macquarie Park NSW 2113  
Phone: 1300 579 963  
Email: [office@peersupport.edu.au](mailto:office@peersupport.edu.au)  
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# School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

We treat  
each other  
with  
**respect**

## What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022.



## Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We  
**prioritise**  
the wellbeing  
of all students  
and staff

**Unsafe  
behaviour**  
is not acceptable  
in our schools

We work  
**together**  
with the  
school

**Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.**



We create  
**collaborative**  
learning  
environments

We  
all play  
**our part**

We work  
**in partnership**  
to promote  
student  
learning

## Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:

[education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students](http://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students)

## Respectful communication is a right

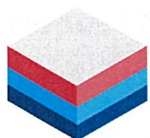
In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.



### Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



**Collaborative.**  
**Respectful.**  
**Communication.**

**School Community Charter**

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# STUDENTS WHO ARE LATE WILL ...



- **MISS** the important social interactions with friends before the bell that can relax them and set them up positively for the work day ahead
- **MISS** the start of lessons so that learning becomes disjointed and difficult
  - **MISS** the morning greetings, messages, roll call, lunch orders, collection of notes and monies etc.
- Distract other children when they arrive and interrupt the momentum of the group
- Receive unnecessary attention that may make them feel uncomfortable or embarrassed

# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS ...

When your child misses just ...	that equals ...	which is ...	so from Kindy to Year 12, they will miss out on
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	6 months
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2½ years

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day ...

Narwee Public School starts at 9.20am



**Don't be LATE, school won't WAIT!**