The Newsletter from Narrabeen North Public School
Week 5, Term 3  Thursday, 15 August 2013

From the Principal’s desk...

Principal awards for Week 5 - Congratulations to: Rio Wong KB; Jed Hagen KB; Alex Green KM; Jade Taylor KW; Tahmea Peacock 1R; Mason Bylett 1R; Toby Downs 1R; Ruby O’Bryan 1R; Maggie Yeoman 1/2M; Noah Evans 1/2M; Tia Suajarwo 2H; Luca Cipri 2H; Lennox Vamey 3L; Ela Pittard 3L; Alicia Jones 3L; Cooper McNeil 3M; Callum Chanak-Lister 3M; Joel Curran 3M; Levi Clapham 3M; Lachlan Barber 3M; Bailey Roper 3M; Bradley Wallace 3M; Anika Hartford 3M; Ashley Drysdale 3M; Vincent Monteleone 3M; Monique Allan 3M; Monet Marks 3M; Hadleigh Yeoman 3/4G; Riley Hottes 3/4G; Asha Grainger 3/4G; Jamie Palangio 3/4G; Marcus Powell 3/4G; Imogen McKenzie-Neill 3/4G; Jasmine Bauchop 3/4G; Max Holstegge 4F; Kyla Noyce 4F; MORGANNE Speirs 4F; Lachlan Sinden 4F; Levi McGowan 4F; Joshua Dickson 4F; Nathan Francis 4F; Ben Francis 4P; Zac Webster 4P; Elise Kennedy 4P; Max Calabretta 5M; Charlotte Walsmy 5M; Jeremy Kinsela 5S; Ethan Couch 5/6B; Rachel Robertson-Hanning 5/6B; Joja Searle 5/6B; Kara Meth 5/6B; SASHA McKit 5/6B; Zara McElroy 6D; Ethan Raper 6D; Jack Catterall 6D; Lauren Dean 6W; Thea Waring 6W; Paris Whiteley 6W; RORY KIssane 6W; Cruz McCarthy 6W and JAMIE-LEE Rookw 6W. Phew ... what a list ...well done, everyone!

Please note: In a banner assembly week, the formal K-2 (Wednesdays at 2pm) and the Y3-Y6 (Fridays at 11.30am) assemblies are not held. Principal awards are presented at the closest regular K-Y6 assembly. For K-2 this means that the awards will most likely be presented at the whole school 1.50pm assembly on a Wednesday and for Y3-Y6 at the 1.50pm whole school assembly on a Thursday.

A busy time for student health!
The school’s sick bay has been busy lately with a steady turn-over of students who have been unwell. Although it can sometimes be hard to judge, if your child has been ill overnight or in the morning, he or she should most probably be kept at home. From the very useful School A to Z website,


comes this information: Too Sick to go to school?

Sometimes it is hard to know if your child is really coming down with something or is just suffering a bout of Monday-itis. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. However, if they miraculously recover by 11.00am, ready to race around the backyard, keeping them in bed all day may send the message that staying at home isn’t nearly as much fun as going to school. Either way, our TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL? chart (follow the link above) will help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. PLEASE NOTE: The information has been supplied by NSW Health and is not intended to replace a visit to your doctor if anyone in your family is unwell.

So that the school can contact you or your emergency contact if your child is unwell and needs to be collected from school, please ensure that all of your contact details are up-to-date and active. Many thanks.

Education Week at NNPS – a time to celebrate
What a busy week we have had. Starting with our banner assembly on Monday, the week rolled on. Go Green Day went well with our students learning and reinforcing their knowledge in the area of environmental education, new for this year was the Sculpture Walk with 16 beautiful sculptures made from re-cycled materials. Thank you to everyone who cast a ‘people’s choice’ vote – it was a hard choice to make!

Our very special ‘Showcase of Talent’ concert on Thursday demonstrated the range of musical and creative arts education and opportunities available at our school. The concert was a credit to all involved! Well done, everyone and thanks to all in the Creative Arts team for making the concert a reality.

Dates to Remember - Term 3

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Sentences of the week - guest class 5M

5M started with a very short sentence containing two of our spelling words. We then add adjectives and adverbs to make a more interesting sentence. We call it "Sentence Dressing". Our sentence one day this week was:-

"The slipper was bigger"

The very small but heavy slipper was definitely bigger than the fat ant. By Max Calabretta.

The magic, bright pink slipper was much bigger today. By Charlotte Wallmsley.

The rainbow slipper was bigger and better and drastically covered in unicorns. By Misha Evstigneev.

Next week's guest class will be 5S.

Driveway safety

Please remember that the school driveway is not a pedestrian walkway into and out of the school. Staff members on afternoon bus duty have had to remind a few parents walking with students to use the pathway near J Block. Parents using the active driveway with their children can set an unsafe behaviour. Of course, later in the afternoon when the pedestrian gate has been locked, you may need to use the driveway to exit the school but by then the driveway is much less busy than from 3.00-3.20pm. Pedestrians on the Namona St footpath now have a wide red line on the footpath to help remind students (and parents) to stop BEFORE the driveway and look for traffic before proceeding.

Behind the red line, please

In the morning before the 9am bell, all students need to be in the main playground. A teacher is on duty every morning from 8.30am so once students have put away their bags, they need to move around to the playground. Please do not encourage your child to wait on verandas or elsewhere once bags have been put away; walk with them to the main playground! Many thanks.

Our Children’s Crossing

We have a Children’s Crossing in Namona Street. Children’s Crossings are legally the most stringent marked pedestrian crossings for managing traffic and road safety in the local streets around primary schools. During their operating hours they are the STRONGEST traffic regulation of their type because drivers must ‘STOP and WAIT’ until the crossing is clear of pedestrians on it, or about to enter it, before driving through the crossing.

Listed below are the three key things to know about Children’s Crossings:

1. Your Children’s Crossing operates when the orange ‘CHILDREN CROSSING’ flags are displayed

2. Drivers approaching a Children’s Crossing with orange flags displayed by law MUST STOP their car at the stop line and wait until all pedestrians on the crossing and those about to step onto the crossing have crossed the road

3. Pedestrians using a Children’s Crossing walk between the two red and white posts on each side of the road and keep within that area

The safety of our students is paramount to everyone. The management of traffic and safety around our school is a priority issue for Council, the RTA and the Police. The requirement to stop and wait at CHILDREN’S CROSSINGS is an integral part of ensuring the safety of our students. Drivers failing to stop and wait at a CHILDREN’S CROSSING can be issued with an on-the-spot fine of at least $211 and be subject to three licence demerit points.

Several posters have been displayed around our school to remind all drivers of the requirements of a Children’s Crossing. There are two posters on the fence on Namona Street as well.

Robert Blanchfield

Miss Russell’s Wrap Up...

Swim School

During the week I have been lucky enough to attend swim school with 61 of our students. They have been swimming laps like little champions and are doing our school proud. Just a reminder to parents, the pool has firm rules in regards to swimming caps and goggles. Please make sure you pack their caps and goggles every day as they will not let the children in the pool without them. Also please make sure that you have put your child’s name on all of their belongings especially their goggles. Thanks for helping out.

Kinder Information Night

I held the last information night last Wednesday night for any new families wishing to find out about our school for 2014. Our next information session for all our 2014 enrolled students will be Wednesday, 4 December. This is where all our parents will receive their best start and school starting time and all the information needed to start school.

Our 2014 students will be involved in an Orientation program where informal assessment takes place and they also get to meet their buddies. The Orientation sessions will be on Thursday, 21 November and Friday, 29 November. A letter will be sent home with times and all the information you will need in Term 4. If you have not handed in your enrolment form to the office they are due now. Please hand this in sooner rather than later. Thanks in advance for your cooperation with this.

Education Week at NNPS

Well, what a week it has been! I hope you all have had a chance to be a part of the event at some stage this week. Thank you to all our visitors especially at our ‘Showcase of Talent’. Our students really loved your attendance. It was great seeing so many parents and grandparents visiting our classrooms and celebrating our
student’s achievements. Our students are really proud to show off their hard work to their families.

**Literacy and the new curriculum**

With the new English Curriculum implementation fast approaching the staff at NNPS will be involved in some professional learning with the regions English consultant on Monday afternoon. If you would like more information on our new syllabus please head to the Board of Studies website. This session will be one of many this semester and your children will be trialling new and exciting ways in which Literacy skills will be taught moving forward.

**Facebook and photos**

It has come to our attention that parents are posting photos of children when on excursions, assemblies etc. on Facebook pages that do not belong to that child’s parent. Please keep in mind that any photo being published for public viewing needs permission from that child’s parent. This also includes Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and any other social media that is being used. Please do not post any photos of children that are not your own without the consent of their parents.

*Tanya Russell*

Non-Teaching Assistant Principal

Literacy, Welfare, Early Stage 1 Leader

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**Popular Student Medical Forms**

During Term 3 we are required to update our medical records to be compatible with the new system to be introduced next year.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive this via mail.

All other children shall be bringing them home in the next couple of weeks. The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and with the new system we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support and if you have any questions please call.

Please note it is important that a form must be signed and returned for each child before the end of Term 3.

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**A request from the Office**

**Correct Money Please**

The office would appreciate any cash payments at the office to be the correct amount as the office has very little change on hand. Thank you.

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**Library News**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is to be completed by Sunday, 25 August.

Happy reading!

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**NNPS would like to thank**

**Mona Vale Music**

We would like to thank Mona Vale Music for their support today with our CAPA concert.

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**School Banking Day Reminder**

Don’t forget that Thursday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit on Tuesday or Wednesday.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollamites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Narrabeen North.

If you require any information about school banking, please contact Gail in the office.
Reading at Twilight

Join us for a family friendly night out to celebrate the works of Roald Dahl

Venue: Mona Vale Library
1 Park Street
Mona Vale

Time: 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Date: Wednesday 21 August 2013
Age: 8 - 80

Selected readings with a glass of wine and light refreshments for Mum and Dad
Readings, popcorn and other fun stuff for children

Bookings essential at the front desk or by phone on 9970 1600
A FREE event for Children's Book Week

Music Workshops for the School Holidays
23-27 Sep 2013,
30 Sep-4 Oct 2013

- One-day Beginner Workshops
- Two-day Advanced Workshops
- Open to students aged 9-16
- Lunch & afternoon tea included
- Book early — limited to six per workshop
- To book ring Lauren on 0437 423 348 or email guitarcreativity@mac.com
- See guitarcreativity.net for details
- Private tuition also available on guitar, bass, ukulele, and brass instruments

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