



Narre Warren North Primary School

Newsletter No. 6 – 21st April, 2016



DIARY DATES

19th April to 19th May
Feeling Safe Together Program

Friday, 22nd April
ANZAC Assembly
2.30 p.m.

Saturday, 23rd April
Fundraiser Barbecue at
Bunnings – Fountain Gate

Monday, 25th April
ANZAC Day – Public Holiday
No School

Thursday, 28th April
Commonwealth Bank Student
Banking will be processed on
this day.

Monday, 2nd May
Curriculum Day – No School

Tuesday, 3rd May
Prep Open Morning – see flyer
9.15 – 10.30 a.m.

Parents' & Friends' Club
Meeting at 9.00 a.m.

Last day for Australian Maths
Competition payments – No late
payments can be accepted

Commonwealth Bank Student
Banking will be processed on
this day.

Thursday, 5th May
Mothers' Day Stall

Wednesday, 18th May
Prep Grandparents' morning
Open Night & Book Fair
6.30 to 8.00 p.m.

8th to 10th June
Camp Manyung for
Grades 3 & 4

Monday, 13th June
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday



Principal's Pen

Play Pods

Last week two shipping containers were delivered to our school. These will become our Play Pods. We are asking parents for donations of recyclables/scrap for our Play Pods that are safe for children to play with, e.g. plastic crates, tubes, tyres, cardboard rolls, foam, rope, netting, tough material, chair cushions, blocks, PVC pipes, pieces of treated wood, carpet squares, etc. Our second play pod will be for construction of cubby houses, tracks for cars, etc. For this pod if you have any small pieces of wood (no more than a metre in length) and suitable tree branches they would be most gratefully accepted.

If you believe you have something at home to donate that could be useful, but are not sure, please take a photo and email to the school email address or speak to Adam Wight or myself.

Absence notes

The school will have an enrolment audit at the end of this month. Attendance is a big part of this audit and we are currently following up on unapproved absences (i.e. absences parents have not informed us about). A reminder that if your child is absent please inform the classroom teacher. Via email is fine. It is a Department requirement that we have written documentation of any student absences.

School website

This year the teachers have begun to develop Team Blogs after participation in professional learning on how to create one. These can be found on the school website and are currently a work in progress. The blogs, over the year, will contain information about student learning and photos of student events. It is well worth a look.

Anzac Day ceremony

Tomorrow, instead of assembly in the morning, we will be having our Anzac ceremony at 2.30pm. This will be facilitated by the students in Grades 5/6. The children are able to wear scout uniforms, medals and bring flowers for the ceremony if they wish.

Qkr!

Thank you to all the families that support the use of Qkr! We currently have 200 out of approximately 220 families that use this preferred payment method. Your use of Qkr! means less administration work for our office staff. Every once in a while parents express concerns around security. Even though no one can ever say their system is 100% impossible to break into, Qkr! Management have never been made aware of even one substantiated case of fraudulent transactions as a result of Qkr!. The truth is that mobile phone payments are actually more secure than standard internet payments as the phone leaves more 'fingerprints' on a transaction than a computer using a web browser. So Qkr! is not just as safe, but in many ways more safe than other forms of payment. Please refer to the Tip of the Week for more information.

Connie vanderVoort, Principal

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Curriculum Day - Monday, 2nd May

For our Curriculum Day our staff will be visiting another school with regards to the CAFÉ Reading Program.

Parents' and Friends' Club

Bunnings Barbecue

We have a fundraising barbecue at Bunnings Fountain Gate on this Saturday (23rd April). Helpers are needed for the 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. time slot, so if you can assist please sign up on the link below:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0A4DA9AB23A6F58-bunnings

If you cannot assist at the barbecue, you can still help out by donating 1 or 2 boxes of soft drinks (cans) to sell at the barbecue. Remember this a fundraising event to raise funds for our children.

Entertainment Books

We are once again selling the Entertainment books for \$65.00. The books have arrived so they can be given to you once payment has been received.

Mothers' Day Stall

Our Mothers' Day stall will be held on **Thursday, 5th May**. A price list is attached to this newsletter.

Trivia Night

Our Trivia and Games Night will be held on **Saturday, 18th June**. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Facebook

Please join us on Facebook – Narre North Parents Club This is a great way to get up to date information and to find out what events are coming up.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd May at 9.00 a.m. in the staff room. All welcome.

Parents' and Friends' Club



ANZAC Day Ceremony

On Friday 22nd April our school will be holding an ANZAC Day ceremony at 2.30 p.m.

Parents are invited to attend.

Students who wish to wear medals, cub or scout uniforms or bring flowers to take part in the ceremony are welcome to do so.

Medals are to be worn on the student's right side as per protocol.

2016 Australian Mathematics Competition

The Australian Mathematics Competition will be held on **Thursday 28th July 2016**. This competition is open to all students from Grades 3-6 throughout Australia. All students who participate receive a certificate of participation and are provided with a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem. Students who do well are acknowledged through credit, distinction and high distinction awards. Cost of the competition is \$6.50. Notices have been distributed to students. If you wish to participate in this competition *payment is due by **Tuesday, 3rd May** (as Monday, 2nd May is Curriculum Day)*. **No late payments can be accepted as early registration is required.** All students, regardless of their perceived mathematical ability, are encouraged to participate in this opportunity. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Davies (for Mrs Boer) at school.

House Cross Country

Firstly, I would like to thank the weather for an outstanding day! Just like a box of chocolates - you never know what you're going to get! Congratulations to all the students who participated and gave their best effort! You can never be disappointed with your result, as long as you try your best! Students who finished in the top 10 for the 9/10y, 11y and 12/13y ages groups had the opportunity to compete at the District Cross Country Carnival at Sydney Pargetter yesterday.

Words Their Way Program

Thank you to all our families that have assisted with the huge task of laminating and slicing our words for the Words Their Way program. We seem to be missing a few sets, so could you please check that you have returned all of the sets that you have taken home. We would appreciate if all sets could be returned by tomorrow.

Thank You

I would like to thank Cheryl Mannings for her very generous donation of scrapbooking papers and equipment (including paper cutters and hole punches) to the Art Room. They will all be put to good use and are very much appreciated.

Cindy Requin

ANZAC Merchandise

Our school is selling the following items from our school office:

Badges: \$1.00, \$2.00 & \$5.00

Wrist Bands: \$3.00

Words Their Way Program

This term, we will begin using a word study program, called Words Their Way, across our school. Words Their Way is a developmental program which teaches phonics, spelling and vocabulary to students using hands on word sorts. Information detailing the program and the different 'stages of development' was sent out to families earlier this week; however I would like to take the chance to answer some of the Frequently Asked Questions about the Words Their Way program.

How are students placed in 'stages of development'?

Students complete a test known as a 'Spelling Inventory' which allows teachers to analyse their strengths and weakness in recognising and using word patterns. Many students will complete two of these tests at different levels to ensure they are correctly placed. Students are then placed in stages according to the areas they need further development in.

How long will students keep their word sort for?

Students will work on their sort for 2 weeks. This allows sufficient time for students to consolidate their knowledge and apply their understanding to a range of different learning activities. It is important that students bring their word sort to school each day, and that it is returned at the end of the fortnight.

My child's words are too easy. Can they have harder words?

The word sorts are not intended to be a list of words that students memorise. They are examples of some of the simplest words that follow a particular rule, pattern or sound. As students work with their sort over the course of a fortnight, they will come across other words that also contain these patterns and sounds, and will be given the opportunity to apply their knowledge to these new words. It is very important that students have a solid grounding in the 'Letter name alphabetic' and 'Within Word Pattern' stages before progressing on to the more complex features of the English Language.

How can I help my child at home?

As part of this program, students will be bringing home word sorts to practise what they are learning in class. The most important things parents can do to assist their child is discuss the words with them. It is recommended that you practise reading them aloud, talk about the letter patterns you can see and the sounds you can hear, and discuss their meanings. There are also a range of different activities which students can complete for homework, details of which will be provided by their class teacher.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the families who took home words sorts to laminate and cut for us during Term 1. We appreciate your tremendous effort in helping us prepare the resources needed to run this new program.

Katherine Darbyshire

English Co-ordinator

Narre Warren North Primary School invites the community to our...



PREP OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 3rd May 2016 - 9:15am - 10:30am



If you are interested in attending Narre Warren North Primary School's Open Morning, please let our office staff know by visiting the office or calling 9796-8261.

- Opportunity to book a personalised school tour for a time that suits you.
- Tour the Prep classrooms to see our students' learning.
- Speak to Prep classroom teachers, the Principal and Assistant Principal.
- Opportunity to ask questions about your child's first year of school.
- Pathway to Prep Transition information will be available.
- Little Possums Playgroup information available.
- Displays of children's work.



Engaging students in their learning for the future



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To organise a school tour at a different time contact the general office on 9796-8261

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MOTHERS' DAY STALL 2016

Thursday, 5th May

.20c Mini Magnets

\$1.00

Bath Sponge

Mum Pens

Mother's Day cards

Nail Files

Fridge Clip Magnet

\$2.00

Shopping lists

Candle in Tin

Mini Sewing Kit

Bath Fizzers

Back Scratcher

Rose Lip Gloss

Lip Stick Pen

\$3.00

Diffuser in Box

Bottle Bag

Lunch Cooler Bag

Book Mark

Head Massager

Deluxe Pen in Box

\$4.00

Coin Purse

Necklace-Love You Mum

Adult Colouring Book

\$1.50

Mum Compact Mirror

Car Freshener

Tea light Candles in a Bag

\$2.50

Coffee Mugs

Pedicure Set

Mini Note Book with Pen

Glass Photo Coaster

Pink Mini Torch

Heart Petal Soaps

\$3.50

Manicure Set

Earrings

Cotton Scented Heart



& Games

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 18th of June

6.30pm – until late

(for a 7pm start)

Narre Warren Scout Hall

Max Pawsey Reserve

Fountain Drive, Narre Warren



Tickets \$15 per person or \$130 per table of 10
Lots of games, raffles, auctions and prizes to be won!

BYO Snacks and Drinks

Sorry kids! This is an adults only event

Yes! Please reserve a table for us!!

Team Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

Tables are Limited, so please book your spot early.

Bookings can be made by returning the slip to the office or call/text Emma on 0430 350 074.

Payment will be required by 3rd of June

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Look what the Requin family got up to Labour Day.

Gold star to Tim Magee (ex parent and painter extraordinaire), Dominique and Aleisha Requin who volunteered their time and woke up early on their day off.

We painted around the mosaic the students created in 2015.

The results are fantastic!!



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At checkout, you can easily select from any of your registered cards by simply tapping the 'Payment' option near the top of the checkout screen.

Qkr! is provided by MasterCard so you know your payments are secure. No information will be stored on your phone. Registration details and card information are saved securely on the MasterCard network.

If you choose to pay using a MasterCard, you will also benefit from MasterCard's Zero Liability policy which protects the cardholder from fraud and unauthorized charges.

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