**Principal’s Pen**

**The Suzanne Asling Encouragement Award**

An encouragement award has been set up in memory of Suzanne Asling for a Grade 3 or 4 student. Suzanne’s mother Alice Asling, was a teacher at Narre Warren North PS from 1927 to 1932 and Suzanne was a student at our school in the late 1940s. Suzanne passed away in 2014. She had a deep love of the Narre Warren North community and our school. The decision on the recipient of this award will be made by the Grade 3/4 teachers and myself in Term 4.

**Excursions and school activities**

Over the years there has been more and more paperwork associated with organising excursions and incursions due to Department and OHS mandated protocols. As well as organising numbers, buses, adult to student ratios, and all other administrative tasks, schools also are now required to complete OHS and risk assessments. Part of this is knowing the confirmed number of students attending well before the activity occurs. As a consequence we will no longer be able to accept any payments after the due date and time on the notice. We will endeavour, however, to give parents as much notice as possible for each event so that you have plenty of time to pay. Dates and reminders are always available on Qkr! and Tiqbiz and teachers will email parents to remind you that the payment is due. If the payment is not made by the due date/time we will assume your child is not attending.

**Parent Opinion Survey**

The 2016 Parent Opinion Survey will be sent out to parents tomorrow, selected at random by the computer. Your feedback is very important to us. We would appreciate it, if you receive one of these, that you complete and return the survey in the confidential envelope provided as soon as possible. Thanking you for your time in completing these surveys in advance.

As part of the new Child Safe Standards legislation (see below for more information) we will be modifying and enforcing some of our current procedures.

To keep all our students safe a reminder that we discourage parents from talking to their children over the fence. If you need to speak to your child please go to the office and we will make an announcement. One of our outside rules is that children do not play near the fence line. Teachers have been instructed to ask adults they see at the fence line, or who are in the school grounds without a school lanyard, during the day to report to the office.
Child Safe Standards

Last term I wrote about the new child safe standards being introduced for all registered schools in 2016. Next year this will be extended to include sport and recreation groups, coaching and tuition services; and entertainment or party services for children.

The standards strengthen existing approaches to preventing and responding to child abuse, and enhance consistency in how these issues are managed in schools. Ministerial Order No. 870 sets out the specific actions that schools need to take to meet the child safe standards.

In our last newsletter it was mentioned that we will be modifying some of our current practices and procedures to comply with this Ministerial Order. Attached to the newsletter this week is the school’s Child Safe Policy, ratified by School Council this week.

Key messages about the standards are below:

- Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.
- We have zero tolerance for any abuse of children.
- We already have policies and processes in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children. These are being strengthened to ensure a zero tolerance approach to child abuse.
- There are clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with the children at our school.
- The new child safe standards go further than child protection arrangements did in the past.
- The child safe standards apply to school staff (including volunteers and contractors), visitors and students’ family members.
- Keeping children safe is everyone’s responsibility. Different people at our school have different roles and responsibilities for ensuring children’s safety.
- We want to ensure you know how we are keeping your children safe at school, and how we’d like you to support us. We will do this through the newsletter.
- Staff members (including volunteers) will receive training and support to understand and carry out their responsibilities under the standards, e.g. new signing in procedures at the office.
- Working With Children’s Checks will need to be carried and worn in a lanyard by visitors, volunteers and contractors while working in the school. Staff will be required to wear their ‘identification badge’ at all times.
- Unsupervised contractors will be asked about their child safety arrangements as a condition of working with us if they work with children enrolled in the school.
- Other people using our school facilities will be asked about their child safety arrangements as a condition of using our facilities if they involve children enrolled at the school (or children can reasonably be expected to be present while the staff or other adults are at the school).
- Staff, visitors and volunteers will be required to adhere to the Child Safety Code of Conduct. This will initially be given as part of the sign in process.

If you would like any further information about the standards please feel free to contact the school 😊

Connie vanderVoort               Cathy Maher
Principal                        School Council President

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2017 enrolments
To help us with planning for 2017 we are asking families with siblings who will be starting Grade Prep in 2017 to enrol by the end of this term. Also if you know of friends or neighbours who intend to enrol their children at our school, can you please encourage them to enrol? Enrolment forms are available at the office and on the school website.

If you are leaving our school during or at the end of the year we would also appreciate you letting the office know. This will assist us in planning for staffing for 2017.

ENRICHMENT
Melbourne’s Writers Festival
The Melbourne’s Writers Festival is a marvellous opportunity for students to meet and work with authors to expand on their writing experiences.
This year the program runs from 29th August to 1st September.
There are still some places available in various workshops.
If parents are interested in taking their own children to this festival, their absence from school can be marked as ‘Educational’ and not considered as a day off school.
If you are interested in registering your child please find the details on the following website and follow the links to ‘School’s Program’
If you need any advice or help, please see Susan Boer (Grade 2A)

SPORTS NEWS
House Athletics Carnival
Students in Grade 3 to 6 participated in the annual House Athletics Carnival at Casey Athletics track on Tuesday 19th July. I’m almost surprised how lucky we were with the weather! The wind and rain stayed away and we even had a few moments when the sun popped out!! Congratulations to all the students that attended and gave their very best in both the track and field events and especially those in Robinson who were the overall winners! The individual results are used to form the District team, which will be held at Knox on 17th August – good luck to those students on the day! A huge THANK YOU to the parents who helped out on the day – fantastic as usual!!!
This event definitely wouldn’t be able to run or be as successful as it is without your help!

Senior Hoop Time
On Friday 17th June students in Grade 5 and 6 competed in the Senior Hoop Time Competition against local schools in our District. Congratulations to the All Star Boys and Girls who won the grand final on the day and will compete at the Regional Hoop Time at Dandenong on Monday 17th Oct. One of our Future Stars teams (Narre North Nets) also played in a nail biting grand final and sadly lost by 2 points, however have still been asked to compete at the Regional Hoop Time Tournament at Dandenong on Monday 10th October. Our parent helpers were very impressed with how our students worked as a team on and off the court. Also a big thank you to our parent helpers for giving up their time and helping make it a successful day!

Junior Hoop Time
All the places for the Junior Hoop Time (Grades 3 and 4) have been taken.

Thanks, Miss Yue

COMMONWEALTH BANK - STUDENT BANKING
Please note that the Mud Splat Handball is no longer available from the Rewards Program. Clifford the dog from Commonwealth Bank will visit our school during assembly on Friday, 5th August and parents will have the opportunity to sign up their children for student banking at 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on Thursday, 11th August. Please bring your driver’s licence or passport.

NARRE WARREN NORTH UNITING CHURCH OP SHOP
Just a reminder that the Narre Warren North Uniting Church Op Shop sells our second-hand uniforms and all the proceeds from the uniform sales are given to our school. The Op Shop would also greatly appreciate any donations of children and adult clothing. The Op Shop is open from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays and 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on Saturdays.
Parents' and Friends' Club

Trivia Night
Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Trivia night, we had a blast!
I am pleased to announce we made over $3700 on the night, which will go towards funding shade structures on the school grounds. This couldn’t have been made possible without the generous support of all the companies that donated on the night.

Special mention of our 3 local businesses:

And our other supporting companies:


Ladies’ Night
This term as part of our fundraising, we will be hosting a ‘Ladies Night’ on 17th August from 7pm - 9pm, notices have gone home this week. Tickets are $10 please feel free to bring a friend or 5 to help support this event. We will be having a number of ladies’ stalls on the night including massage, facials, manicures, clairvoyant readings and more. It will be a fun night, so please get involved. Your $10 entry fee includes a glass of Champagne on arrival, drinks, finger food and an entry into the lucky door prize. Although you can get tickets on the night, the first 20 sold prior will also receive a show bag full of goodies. Any enquiries can be made to Emma on 0430 350 074.

We will also be asking for help with a plate of food for the night. If anyone is interested in providing a plate of nibbles it would be greatly appreciated.
**Entertainment Books**
Only two books left if anyone is interested – cost is $65.00.

**Other Fundraisers coming up this Term:**
1st September – Fathers’ Day Stall
9th September – School Disco
15th September – Footy Dress Up and Special Lunch Day

And of course our Shopping Tour on the 15th October!! (Next Term)

**Next Parents’ and Friends’ Committee Meeting**
Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 4th August at 9.00 a.m. All welcome to attend. If you have any new ideas we would love to hear them. Come and support our committee. We are raising funds for our children!

Parents’ and Friends’ Club

**‘Aussies of the Month’**

Congratulations to our most recent ‘Aussies of the Month’ awardees from Grade 4A and 4B.

**Brigette C – Grade 4A**
- Brigette is a very kind and respectful classmate, who is always well-mannered, fair and honest.
- She consistently shows empathy towards others and can always be relied on by her friends.
- Brigette regularly offers to help both teachers and other students, and shows initiative in this area without being asked.
- She is very organised, responsible in her choices and takes pride in all she does, always giving her best effort.
- Brigette listens well, and is a self-motivated learner who actively strives to improve and build on her existing strengths and skills.

**Oliver S – Grade 4B**
- 4B’s ‘Aussie of the Month’ is a cheerful and respectful member of the grade who is kind and loyal.
- Oliver is a responsible student who is always organised, actively listens to directions and uses class time constructively.
- He is an enthusiastic learner who tackles new challenges eagerly and with a positive attitude.
- Oliver is always willing to help and is polite to his peers and teachers.
- He is an exceptional role model and demonstrates good leadership skills, is sensible and treats others fairly in and outside the classroom.
- Oliver is creative and enjoys reading fantasy novels.
# Academic/Social Skills Awards Term 2, 2016

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**Principal Medallion Award:** Andre A – For an outstanding and very impressive presentation at the ‘My Place’ Exhibition

**Assistant Principal Medallion Award:** Talia A – For being an excellent student and for being kind and caring towards others. She always has a smile.

**Art Award:**
- Isabelle A – Creative ideas and design
- Batul A – All art projects

**Performing Arts Award:**
- Dante A – Talent, creativity, development and effort

**PE Award:**
- Brodie H – Excellence in PE

**Indonesian:**
- Dante A – Excellence in Indonesian
- Batul A – Excellence in Indonesian
- Tia L – Excellence in Indonesian
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Ladies Night Out!
Join Us for Food, Fun, and Frivolity!

Come Join us...

Entry Fee: $10
Includes:
Glass of Champagne on Arrival
Drinks, Finger Food &
Entry into “Lucky Door”
Raffle

Wednesday 17th of August 2016
7pm – 9pm
Narre Warren North Primary School
Multi-Purpose Room

Shop - Pamper - Eat - Drink - Laugh

Support!

Some stalls included on the night:

Hand, Neck and Shoulder Massage  Jewellery  Home Made Cakes
Jamberry Nails  Intimo  Clairvoyant Readings
Candles and Homewares  Mandals & Scarves  Manicures/Nail Art
Bags & Purses  Make Overs  Henna Artist

... and more!!!

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW!

I would like to purchase ............... tickets at $10 each.

Name: ____________________________ Child Name/Class: __________________

Please put in envelope with your payment, marked “Ladies Night” and hand into the
School Office or Pay on QKR!

Contact: Emma 0430 350 074
The Berwick Neighbourhood Community Centre invites all School aged children for an afternoon of making and creating.
Let your creativity run wild!

Where: Timbarra Community Centre, Timbarra Way, Berwick
When: Wednesdays 4pm-6pm
Cost: $5 per child each week

A light afternoon tea will be provided.
The sessions will have a range of activities available for your child to access.
These include painting, drawing, designing and constructing with a variety of materials.
Your child will be encouraged to develop and explore their own ideas to build on the craft activity of the week.

Interested? Come along and have some fun!

Email: bnc10@westnet.com.au or Ph: 9796 1970

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