



# NARRE WARREN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 20 – 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2016



## DIARY DATES

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Last day for Big Day Out  
Excursion payments for Grade 6

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Assembly at 9.00 a.m.

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Narre Warren North  
Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Free Dress Day – Donation of  
small gift for 2017 Fete lucky dip  
'Aussie of the Month' Lunch  
12.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Student reports sent home  
with students

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Big Day Out Excursion for  
Grade 6 students

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December  
End of Year Assembly –  
9.00 a.m.

Last day for lunch orders

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Last day of school for 2016

**1.00 p.m. finish**

Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January  
First day of school for Grades 1  
to 6 and half of the Grade Preps

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February  
First day of school for the other  
half of the Grade Preps

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
Lunch Orders available

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February  
School Photos



## Principal's Pen

### Farewell and best wishes

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Adam Wight. As we mentioned in last weekend's email to the community, Adam will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up an Assistant Principal position at Lysterfield PS. We thank Adam for his commitment, enthusiasm and contribution to our school community over the last 4 years. He will definitely be missed. We wish Adam all the best for the future in his new role.

I would also like to thank Mrs Robinson and Miss Coffey who are also leaving at the end of the year. Both these teachers have been fortunate in obtaining ongoing teaching positions at brand new schools. We wish them all well in their future endeavours and thank them for their hard work and commitment to the students at Narre Warren North Primary School.

We welcome to our school the following teachers who will be joining us in 2017 - Ashlee Dow-Philcox, Shannen Powell, Jennifer Raven and Danielle Searles.

### 2017 School Leaders

*Congratulations to:*

James and Sara – School Captains; and  
Jayden and Sienna – School Vice Captains, for 2017

Tomorrow at assembly the House Captains for 2017 will be announced.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current School Captains, Kesley and Malachi; and School Vice Captains, Mercedes and Aaron for their outstanding work and commitment to their roles this year. I am very proud of what they have accomplished. Congratulations also to the House Captains for their enthusiasm and commitment to their role in 2016. All of these students have developed into fine young leaders.

**Congratulations** to **Dylan G** who passed a judo practical and knowledge test called a grading at the Endeavour Hills Judo Club. I was informed by Judo Victoria that this is no easy task and requires a great deal of practice. The grade is awarded by the presentation of a coloured judo belt. Junior judo belts are in varying colours signifying age and expertise. Dylan has been awarded a Yellow-Orange-Black belt. An outstanding achievement.

### Grades for 2017

Preparation of the 2017 grades has been a very lengthy process. In building the grades, teachers have taken into account a number of factors, such as academic ability, friendship groups, behaviour, class

size, and gender.

Next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of December your child/children will find out their 2017 grades. You can help them by building your child's resilience with some positive talk about the importance of developing friendships and building relationships with new people. With so many factors we have had to consider, to make these grades balanced, we have aimed to provide your child with at least one friend. If your child is in a grade with more than one friend then that is good luck and not by design.

Children cannot be easily moved from one grade to another without upsetting the balance for a number of children. Making changes from now on will require a significant reason 'beyond my child, or I am not happy', as any changes affect other students as well.

School concludes on the Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December this year however we will be having our end of year assembly on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. There will also be a short newsletter next week.

**Included in this newsletter is a copy of the Student Dress Code Policy. A reminder that the silky skorts, netball skirts and 'hoodies' are not part of our school uniform and are not to be worn at school next year.**

Connie vanderVoort,  
Principal

## *Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal*

How to get involved:

- Bring to school a brand new gift and label it boy or girl.
- Drop off gifts to Miss Mutschler's room in Senior Building (No need to wrap).
- Due before final assembly (December 16<sup>th</sup>). A representative from Kmart will be here for us to donate the presents to.
- A reward for the class that brings the most gifts.



*Narre Warren North Carols by Candlelight  
at Bert Rae Reserve (A'Beckett Road)*

*Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December*

*6.30 p.m. – Sausage Sizzle*

*7.30 p.m. – Carols by Candlelight*

*8.00 p.m. approximately – Santa arrives*

*Cost: \$5.00 Family or \$2 Single*

*Cost includes: sausage, candle, drink, lollies, program and a night of entertainment.*

*Some new singers will be performing this year.*

## **Farewell from Adam Wight**

Has it really been 4 years? 2013 seems like yesterday, the beginning of my time at Narre Warren North Primary School. It is with some sadness and excitement that I write to inform you that 2016 will be my last.

My journey in education started 17 years ago and has been an amazing and challenging one, but it is a half completed journey. I am ready for a new challenge and more importantly new learning. One day perhaps that learning will lead me to a Principal position and if not it will most definitely make me a better person and a better educator.

I could not be more proud and happy about the time I have spent at Narre Warren North. We are so lucky to be part of such an outstanding school. There are few schools where the leadership and teachers spend so much time considering, planning and working to ensure the best possible outcomes for students.

I would like to thank the teachers and support staff for their passion, courage and dedication. We ask a lot of our staff in terms of implementing new things whilst continuing to improve others. Education is a unique occupation where you are never finished, there is never a day where we go home and switch off. Our staff are as committed as any I have seen. They work extremely hard and do it with a smile. I am in awe of their courage in trying new things and pushing your children to achieve more than they think they are capable of.

To the parents, I would like to commend you on the support you have shown and involvement you have had with this school during my time at Narre Warren North over the past 4 years. Narre Warren North is the 3rd school I have worked at and no doubt has the most parent involvement of any I have experienced. I have worked closely with a number of you in my time and am very thankful for the support you have given me in working with your children.

And finally to Connie. I am so thankful for the opportunities and support I have been given by Connie over the past 4 years. She is an outstanding Principal, extremely dedicated, knowledgeable and caring. I am most definitely a better leader through working with Connie. I would like to think that we have made each other better leaders and that this has resulted in improvement for our school. We have worked so hard together to implement so much change, it has been a challenge but one we have embraced.

As I stated earlier I am both excited and saddened. I have developed strong relationships with the community of Narre Warren North and it is hard to leave. I will no doubt be a little emotional come December 20th, but I will forever have very fond memories of my time here.

My excitement is for what comes next, my role as Assistant Principal at Lysterfield Primary School. I can't wait to see what challenges and learning this brings. I look forward to meeting new staff, parents and students. I can only hope that they are as welcoming and supportive as those at Narre Warren North Primary School.

Adam Wight  
Assistant Principal

## ***'Aussies of the Month'***

*Congratulations to our most recent 'Aussies of the Month' awardees from each of the Grade Prep classes.*

### ***Rylan P – Prep A***

*My name's Miss Connell and I'm here to say  
My Aussie of the month in a different way  
Coz this student deserves something really cool  
As this student's enthusiastic round the school*

*See it doesn't matter if the work is fun or boring  
You will never find this student at a desk and snoring  
Coz this student really cares about the work, it's called pride  
And there are many friends you see by this student's side*

*You see not only does this student always do his best  
You'll never see this student compete against the rest  
Coz this student always offers up help and support  
I no doubt had to record this in the student's report*

*Always listening to instructions right until the end  
He's a calm and caring boy, you'd want to be his friend.  
This student's love for life can be seen all around  
It's really quite infectious that's what I have found*

*This student is always friendly with a positive attitude  
And you will always hear this student full of gratitude.  
Stop whatever he is doing just to help you out.  
That's just the kind of person he is all about.*

*So seeing, this student is so good with rhyme  
I thought I'd see if he could figure this one out this time  
You see his name will rhyme with Fylin Calmer  
And no doubt you all know I'm talkin bout Rylan P!*

### ***Max D – Prep B***

*Come one, come all, lean in and hear,  
Prep B's Aussie of the Month, who is sitting quite near.  
Your teachers have noticed your enchanting ways,  
And you working so hard throughout all of your days.*

*This person's respect and consideration is like sorcery,  
And their friendship and compassion is like you have won the lottery.  
Throughout the year you have approached learning with the upmost of care,  
And when you have learnt something new, you always love to share.*

*To this person, you're future is shining bright with magic,  
You're kind, amazing and always use logic.  
He is caring and dedicated to what is right,  
And always puts effort in with all his might.*

*This person never does anything to the minimum,  
As it always to the maximum.  
He is shy, but deserves the utmost fuss,  
So be loud and stand up for Mr. Max D.*

## *Nikita D – Prep C*

*You have beautiful values and more than one nice quality,  
You support your friends and say kind words with such modesty.  
Persistent is what you are, proving that hard work does impress,  
I have watched your confidence and determination grow. Who is it?*

*I wonder if you can guess?*

*A good friend indeed, so loyal and generous, we are so very lucky to have you in our grade,  
Good morning Miss Nash, with a cheeky smile, the greeting I get that I would not trade.*

*I have never seen such neat handwriting and drawings from a 6 year old,  
You have shown these skills from an early age, from your mum, I have been told.*

*Your manners are lovely and it is so nice to see*

*A young girl saying thank you and please,*

*I think you will agree with me, Prep staff*

*Prep C's Aussie of the Month has to be Nikita D.*

### **Parents' and Friends' Club**

#### **Free Dress Day**

On Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December we will be having our last free dress day for the year. As part of this free dress day we are asking instead of a gold coin donation if you could bring a wrapped lucky dip prize which we will use for our School Fete (March 2017) please label the prize a 'boy', 'girl' or 'either' so we know which bucket to put it in. Thank you for your support!!

Emma Donaldson, President

#### **Commonwealth Bank Student Banking**

Our Commonwealth Bank student banking has finished for 2016. Sincere thanks to Nicole Topliff for processing the student banking, ordering rewards, keeping records and providing certificates. Our school community is very grateful to you for giving up your time so our school can provide this service. Also thank you Michelle Zimmerle for helping out on a few occasions.

Ways to open a Youth Saver Account for your child:

1. If you are a CommBank customer apply online through NetBank. Please have your child's birth certificate handy to complete your online application.
2. Visit any CommBank branch. Please bring along your child's birth certificate and identification for yourself.

#### **Lunch Orders**

Bellbrook Catering would like to inform you that your last canteen day for 2016 is [Friday 16th December](#) and your first canteen day for 2017 is [Friday 3rd February](#).



## Student Dress Code Policy

### **RATIONALE**

Narre Warren North Primary School is committed to child safety and establishing and maintaining child safe and child friendly environments where all children are valued and feel safe. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently through our policies and procedures.

School uniform readily identifies students as belonging to our school community.

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

### **PURPOSE OF THE POLICY**

To promote equality amongst all students

To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school

To provide durable clothing that is cost effective, practical for our school environment and is aligned with our school Sun Smart Policy.

To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community

### **GUIDELINES FOR ACTION**

1. A Dress Code Policy shall be maintained that provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.
2. All students in Prep to Year 6 adhere to the School's Dress Code Policy.
3. The Dress Code Policy applies during school hours and when students are on school excursions or sporting activities (unless otherwise permitted by the Principal)
4. The wearing of 'sun-smart' hats is compulsory from September to the end of April. Hats are not to be worn inside.
5. The Student Dress Code will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
6. The Principal is responsible for implementation of the Student Dress Code Policy.
7. The only logo permitted on all clothing is the school logo.

The '**Student Dress Code**' consists of the following items:

**WHOLE SCHOOL**

Navy polo shirt with logo – short or long sleeve  
Navy shorts, pants or tracksuit pants  
Navy crew necked windcheater with logo  
Navy bomber jacket with logo  
Wide brimmed hat with logo – navy or gold  
Tracksuit – open legged/cuffed

**OPTIONAL**

Full zip navy polar fleece jacket with embroidered school logo  
Navy polar fleece jacket with school logo  
Polar sleeve vest with school logo  
Waterproof spray jacket with logo  
Navy scarf  
School bag with logo  
Navy socks or tights  
Navy beanie with no logo  
Gold or navy skivvy (to be worn under pinafore/tops)  
House coloured TShirt with school logo and House name on the back.  
Girls' navy skorts/culottes (above the knee)  
Blue and white gingham dress  
Navy bootleg pants  
Navy detachable pinafore/winter tunic

***Please note: leggings and sport nylon skorts are not part of the school uniform.***

**Optional Wear – Year 6 Jacket** (for current year, as approved by the Principal), to be worn by Year 6 students only.

**Wide brimmed hats** – September to April - all students in Prep to Year 6 are required to wear a hat. From 1<sup>st</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> August, beanies are permitted. These are not to be worn inside. *Beanies must be navy.*

All headwear must be in school colours.  
Baseball caps are not permitted

**Eyes** - Sunglasses are able to be worn at own risk.

**Jewellery** - Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches, are the only acceptable jewellery, e.g. large hoops and earrings that dangle from the ear may not be worn, for safety reasons

**Cosmetics** – Cosmetics may not be worn at school, unless for designated occasions, with the approval of the Principal.

**Shoes** - Shoes are to have enclosed toes. Runners or school shoes are permitted.

**Hair** – Hair that is shoulder length or longer is to be tied back.

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