DIARY DATES
Chocolate Fundraiser money is now overdue – please return payment and/or chocolates promptly

Thursday, 30th July
House Athletics at Casey Fields for Grades 3 to 6 students

Friday, 31st July
Australian Maths Competition for participating Grades 3 to 6 students

Tuesday, 4th August
School Production Rehearsals for whole school

Wednesday, 5th August
School Production Performances 5.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 10th August
Curriculum Day

Wednesday, 12th August
Free Dress Day – Gold coin donation for our school

School Council Meeting 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 18th August
Whole School Photo and Graduation Photo

Thursday, 3rd September
Fathers’ Day Stall

Friday, 11th September
School Disco – more details soon

Monday, 14th September
Grades 3 & 4 Hoop Time for selected students

Saturday, 10th October
Shopping Tour Fundraiser

Principal’s Pen

5th August Whole School Production
Teachers and students have been working extremely hard to get ready for our Whole School Production in 3 weeks’ time. This Production has been organised by our Specialist team, Matt Brown, Rachel Yue, and Cindy Requin; and classroom teachers each taking responsibility for their own grade/year level’s act/s. The script was cleverly written by Matt Brown our Performing Arts teacher tying all the acts together. Earlier this week information about the Production came home outlining ‘Frequently Asked Questions’. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Communication between home and school
Parent engagement is actively encouraged at Narre Warren North Primary School. In our 2015 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) improving communication between home and school is a focus.

To assist us in further improving in this area we would very much appreciate you completing a short survey using the link at the bottom of this page. This survey was also emailed to parents who have provided us with an email address via Sentral earlier this week. Thank you to those parents who have already responded. I will collate this data and publish the results in August.

Assemblies Term 3
Assemblies this term will again be held on Fridays. The dates are determined by the Interschool Sport fixture and when there is a Home game for the Grade 5/6 students. Unfortunately these are not each fortnight this term so we have decided to alternate the assemblies between mornings and afternoons during the term. Assembly dates and times for Term 3 are as follows:

31st July – 3pm;
14th August - 3pm;
28th August - 9am;
11th September – 9am; and
our end of term assembly on the 18th September at 9am

Little Possums
Earlier this year Laura Smith and I applied for a grant from the Commonwealth Bank for $10000 for our Little Possums program. I am pleased to announce that we were successful in obtaining this grant. The funds will go towards staffing and resourcing the program in 2016. Little Possums Playgroup provides parents and children with the opportunity to interact and engage in a variety of activities in a school environment. It runs in Terms 2 and 3 each year for 3 year olds.

Connie VanderVoort, Principal.

Survey link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10VGgSbR5Q8H6zK1RTlqJSVP02pu5lqQcUXJI6ZMdD0/viewform?usp=send_form

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Harkaway Hills College
You may be aware that there is a high possibility that an independent school will be opening across the road at 420 Belgrave Hallam Road. If you would like more information about this school just google the school name. This school should have minimal impact on our school enrolments. According to a representative at City of Casey, Council intend to notify owners and occupiers of adjoining and nearby land about the proposal before approval is given. During this notification period any person is able to view details of the application (plans, reports, etc.) and make comment.

Traffic on Main Street
Concerns have been raised again about the increased traffic, speed of drivers, speed limit of 50kph (some believe it should be 40kph) and cars not stopping at the zebra crossing when children are about to cross on Main Street outside Marcos.

To ensure the safety of our students could parents please discuss with your children about the safety of crossing roads, using the pedestrian crossing and waiting to ensure the cars stop before entering the crossing. Our children need to stop at the crossing and make sure the car stops before crossing the road.

If you are worried about this please contact the City of Casey and let them know about your concern.

The day duct tape saved my sanity!

Last week I posted an article to our school Facebook page titled ‘How Minecraft and duct tape wallets prepare our children for jobs that don't exist yet'. It was an article that I found about 6 months ago and whilst I found it interesting I didn’t truly understand its significance until this past school holidays.

Like most parents I look forward to the holidays and spending time with my children and then by about lunchtime on the first Monday, and after hearing 'I'm bored' for the tenth time, we start wondering how we will find 2 weeks worth of things to do. Hallelujah and thank goodness for duct tape! When doing some research I stumbled across a Youtube channel showing all manner of creations made from duct tape. I showed my 12 year old daughter and she was instantly hooked.

If you visit our Facebook page later today you will be able to see her creations.

Whilst I watched, listened and supported her as she created her masterpieces, it became perfectly clear to me the intention behind the article mentioned above. Jaime is a creative person and is always proud of her final pieces, but by no stretch does she complete these things with ease. I saw her become frustrated, angry and almost give up, this was when she needed support.

It was then that I saw her persist, solve problems, be creative and innovate. She was using her knowledge of technology to navigate Youtube and the internet and her knowledge of language to comprehend instructions, then it was her creative skills that were required.

When she uses her tablet to create in Minecraft she goes through a similar process. The problem solving, creativity and innovation is invaluable. When she connects with friends or her siblings in a 'shared world' it becomes an even more valuable activity as she is now communicating and collaborating. This was the point of the article.

It is almost impossible for us to predict what knowledge students might need in the future however they will definitely need the skills Jaime developed through her duct tape creations. Schools have a responsibility to develop these skills in our students, we need to provide opportunities for our students to do the type of learning Jaime did in the holidays. The added bonus for this Dad was that I didn’t have to hear “I'm bored” again for the holidays, except from my other 2!

To hear more about 21st Century Teaching and Learning, and the implications for our school, please keep Thursday August 20th free. We will be hosting an evening titled “The future of education is now” from 6.30pm-8.00pm. Our guest speaker will be educational consultant Wayne Craig, child minding will be available.

Adam Wight
Assistant Principal

Parents’ and Friends’ Club

Car Show Meeting
We will be having a meeting on Friday, 24th July about our upcoming car show. Everyone is welcome to attend, as all help is greatly appreciated.

Free Dress Day
We will be having a Free Dress Day for a gold coin donation on Wednesday, 12th August. This is a fundraiser for our school.

Next Meeting
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 2nd September at 9.30 a.m. in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

Shopping Tour – Saturday, 10th October
Don’t forget to get your payment in for the shopping tour to secure your seat! This is a great day out and a perfect opportunity to shop for Christmas presents.

Chocolate Drive
Our Chocolate Drive fundraiser is now overdue and we would appreciate if everyone could return their payments and/or chocolates promptly. Thank you to all our families that have already returned their payments.

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Dear NWNPS Community,

My name is La’Mont, or more commonly known among staff and students as Monty, and I am the Chaplain here at Narre Warren North Primary. Straight off the bat I’d have to say that it has been a great joy over the last two terms becoming a part of this warm and welcoming school community – friendly students and quality staff. Now, I am excited to venture onto the next and very important part of this journey, getting to know YOU, the parents. I would love to stay in communication with you and keep you in the loop with what I’m doing as Chaplain in the school community. One way I am endeavouring to do this is via regular messages such as this in the school newsletter. I will also be around at the end of the school day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during pick-up time near the multi-purpose room to answer any questions, or even if you would just like to have a good ol’ chin wag. Looking forward to seeing you around.

Warmest regards,
Your Chaplain.

Little Possums

Just a reminder that Little Possums continues this term every Tuesday from 10:30 – 12 noon. If you have any questions or would like to join the playgroup please contact the office or speak to Laura Smith.

Cross Country News

A huge congratulations to Amber C as she competed at the Regional Cross Country Carnival and finished 9th! This means that she qualified to run at the School Sport Victoria Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 16th July in Bundoora. Amber did extremely well by placing 21st out of the top 88 runners in her age group across Victoria! Well done Amber!

Miss Yue

AFL Auskick – Essendon V Hawthorn

Our school was given the opportunity to send 17 students from Grade 4 and 5 to represent Hawthorn in the Half-Time Auskick Match held at the MCG on Saturday 27th June. This was an amazing experience for the lucky students who were able to attend. For some, it was their first time going to the famous MCG! A big thank you to the parents who were able to take the students to the ground and enjoy this special occasion. Although the scoreboard wasn’t to my satisfaction – the students certainly had a sensational time!

Miss Yue

At the MCG I had so much fun, the crowd was yelling and screaming “Go Hawks,” I yelled. “Go Bombers,” Miss Yue yelled. Before half time, our school and another school got changed into our shorts, tops, socks and boots ready to go at half time. We ran, tackled, handballed and kicked in front of the huge crowd. I looked up at the crowd and saw thousands of people. I had a great time with my friends.

By Kelsey T

Senior Hoop Time

On Friday 19th June, Grades 5 and 6 travelled by bus to Dandenong Basketball Stadium for Hoop Time. We were split into teams of ability. I was in the All-Star girls’ team. We played really well as a team and we came third. We also competed in the semi-finals. I was really proud of my team wherever we ended up. I had a lot of fun at Hoop time and I think that everyone loved it as much as I did.

By Abbey B

People in Grade 5/6 participated in Senior Hoop Time at Dandenong Stadium. It was a very fun and good day. My team was Jesse C, Aaron L, Aydin A, Kyle S, Kyle N, Jesse N, Wyatt K and me. We got in the semi-finals but we didn’t win. We won 3 and lost 4.

By Lachlan O

Earn and Learn Program

Woolworths are once again proud to be supporting education for Australian children. In 2013 this program gave more than 14,500 Australian schools the opportunity to earn a range of resources and equipment.

To support the program is easy.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at our school or at your local Woolworths (if there is a box of Narre Warren North Primary).

Thank you,
Michelle Findlay and members of the Junior School Council
### Academic Awards – Term 2, 2015

| Prep A | Max H | Excellence in Literacy and Maths |
| Prep A | Keira B | Excellence in Literacy and Maths |
| Pancake Voucher | | Meagan D – showing mutual respect |
| Prep B | Max W | Excellence in Literacy and Numeracy |
| Prep B | Madison B | Excellence in Reading |
| Pancake Voucher | | Madison W – showing mutual respect |
| Prep C | Hannah E | Excellence in English |
| Prep C | Kye F | Excellence in Mathematics |
| Pancake Voucher | | Torah R – for always showing mutual respect to everyone around her. |
| 1A | Layla S | Excellence in Writing |
| 1A | Isabella E | Excellence in Reading |
| Pancake Voucher | | Alex M – always demonstrating respect |
| 1B | Charliize B | Excellence in Reading |
| 1B | Tyler C | Excellence in Mathematics |
| Pancake Voucher | | Jessica P – displaying the value of Mutual Respect |
| 2A | Talia A | Excellence in Maths and Spelling |
| 2A | Josiah M | Excellence in Maths and Spelling |
| Pancake Voucher | | Ella G – showing respect to her classmates when working in groups. |
| 2B | Avril C | Excellence in Reading |
| 2B | Ryan K | Excellence in Mathematics |
| Pancake Voucher | | Evelyn Connolly – being a respectful member of the class. |
| 3A | Seth Z | Excellence in English and Inquiry |
| 3A | Annabelle P | Excellence in English and Inquiry |
| Pancake Voucher | | Mia H – being a great learner |
| 3B | Nadia A | Excellence in writing |
| 3B | Harrison C | Excellence in Maths |
| Pancake Voucher | | Brodie H – always being a kind, respectful helper |
| 4A | Sara A | Excellence in Writing |
| 4A | Bethany O | Excellence in Reading |
| Pancake Voucher | | Sienna B – consistently demonstrating the 5 Golden Rules |
| 4B | Ashlee S | Excellence in Reading |
| 4B | Ethan D | Excellence in Mathematics |
| Pancake Voucher | | Thomas E – following the 5 Golden Rules |
| 5A | Rachel C | Excellence across all areas |
| 5A | Andre A | Excellence in Mathematics |
| Pancake Voucher | | Holly B – always being considerate of others |
| 5/6B | Dana P | Overall academic excellence |
| 5/6B | Kelsey T | Excellence in Mathematics |
| Pancake Voucher | | Lane M – being a friendly and helpful class member |
| 6A | Sarah T | Excellence in Writing |
| 6A | Bailey C | Excellence in Reading |
| Pancake Voucher | | Hayley W – being a respectful class member |

**Principal Medallion Award:** Jade S – for her outstanding writing

**Assistant Principal Medallion Award:** Tyler G – for always being helpful, polite and friendly

**Art Awards**
- Phoebe C – Excellence in visual arts
- Rachel C – Excellence in drawing optical illusion art

**Performing Arts Award**
- Shaelyn H – Excellent dancing and acting

**Physical Education Award**
- Amber C – Competing in the State cross country carnival