



Narre Warren North Primary School

Newsletter No. 7 – 5th May, 2016



DIARY DATES

Friday 6th May

Assembly – 9.00 a.m.

Tuesday, 10th May

School Council – 7.00 p.m.

10th, 11th & 12th May

Naplan testing for Grades 3 & 5

Wednesday, 11th May

Final Instalment for Camp
Manyung due - Grades 3 & 4

16th to 20th May

Education Week

Wednesday, 18th May

Prep Grandparents' morning

Last day for Grades 1 & 2
Science Incursion payments

Open Night & Book Fair

6.30 to 8.00 p.m.

Monday, 30th May

Supreme Science Incursion for
Grades 1 & 2

Tuesday, 31st May

Special Lunch Day – Order forms
will be sent home 10th May

Wednesday, 1st June

Sovereign Hill Excursion for
Grades 5 & 6

8th to 10th June

Camp Manyung for
Grades 3 & 4

Monday, 13th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Saturday, 18th June

Trivia Night Fundraiser

**The Scholastic Book Fair and
Clifford the Big Red Dog are
coming to school on the
18th May, so save up to buy
a book.**



Principal's Pen

Curriculum Day

Last Monday the teachers and integration aides visited Cranbourne West Primary School to observe their Reading CAFÉ program in action. This was a wonderful opportunity for both schools to share learning about the implementation of the program. In the next two weeks teachers will be contacting parents who have been trained as Parent Advocates for assistance in their classrooms with this reading program.

To assist the development of our CAFÉ Library if you have any unwanted books or suitable magazines to donate to our school we would be willing to take them off our hands for this library.

Classroom learning

The structure of the CAFÉ Reading program is quite strict and the explicit teaching of reading begins at 9am. We ask that parents who go to the classroom each morning assist us in ensuring that your children unpack their bags before 9am (when the music starts) so that the teacher can begin teaching as soon as the bell goes.

Education Week and Book Fair

The focus for Education Week this year is on Science. Education Week is from Monday 16th May to Friday 20th May. This year we will be once again having a School Scholastic Book Fair during Education Week. This will coincide with Open Night on Wednesday 18th May. During Open Night there will be opportunities for families to peruse and purchase children's books as well as visit classrooms. More information on other activities will be provided in the next newsletter.

Play Pods

Just a reminder 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. Thank you to the parents who have already donated some materials/recyclables for these. It is very much appreciated. I have added a link that shows a Play Pod in action and the type of recyclables that we are looking for to be in our pod.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1QQmfdmT-s>

Homework Policy

An updated draft of our Homework policy is attached to this week's newsletter. If you have any queries regarding the policy please speak to your child's classroom teacher or myself. This policy will be ratified by School Council next week.

Mothers' Day stall

Thank you to the Parents and Friends for once again organising a wonderful Mother's day stall for our students.

Wishing all our mums and grandmothers a Happy Mothers' Day on Sunday

☺ Connie vanderVoort, Principal

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Parents' and Friends' Club

Bunnings Barbecue

Thank you to the following parents who helped out at the Bunnings Barbecue on 23rd April: Michelle Zimmerle, Nic and James Ware, Dean Thommers, Briony Hynes, Michelle Smith, Christine Szucs, Noel Griffiths, Michael Hastings, Luke Hadland, Andrea Di Bartolomeo and Lucinda Jones. This type of fundraiser would not be possible without your help and which is very much appreciated. Also thank you to the following families who donated drinks to sell at the barbecue: George, Maher, Johnson, O'Connell, Bryan, Roach, Heib and Atkinson. We managed to raise approximately \$1750.

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.

Trivia Night

Don't forget our Trivia Night is coming up on Saturday, 18th June. Who will be crowned the next Smarty Pants of Narre Warren North Primary? Book your table now, if you don't have 10 guests don't worry we can sort out a table for you. To book a table, please return the Trivia Night slip to the office or contact Emma on 0430 350 074. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Special Lunch Day – Tuesday 31st May

We will be having our annual 'Special Lunch Day' from our local fish and chip shop on Tuesday, 31st May. Order forms will be distributed on Tuesday, 10th May. Make sure you have your orders and money returned by 24th May, **no late orders will be accepted.**

Ivan's Pies and Cookie Dough Tubs

Look out for our Pie and Cookie Dough order forms which will be distributed in the next week or so. Winter is coming so it is a great time to have an assortment of beautiful pies and pastries on hand.

Fundraising Donations

For anyone who has contacts with work or business, to make any type of donation, whether it is a product or service that we can use for upcoming fundraising events, it would be greatly appreciated. Any enquiries to the office.

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District Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students that competed in the District Cross Country on Wednesday 20th April!! It was a stunning day and to top it off we finished 3rd overall which is a super effort!! Best of luck to the following students who have qualified to compete at the Divisional Cross Country on Monday 23rd May: Shalisa H, Dakota K, Evelyn C, Dominic M, Nik S, Austin F, Jessica B, Zoey D, James C, Thomas C, Amber C, Charlotte T, Rachel C, Lachlan O, Aydin A and Andre A!

Fete Bunting Donations

We are seeking donations of plain coloured, dress weight fabric (see photo attached for example) to make a bunting to put along the entire front of the school for the fete. It doesn't have to be new - plain sheets ready for donation to the op shop would be suitable. The children will be decorating them prior to the fete. If you can help, donations can be left at the office. Any colour is fine but non-patterned please. Also donations of ribbon similar to that pictured and "sharpie" markers for decorating would be great.

Anyone who has pinking scissors and some spare time, I'd love help cutting triangles and then sewing them together after they've been decorated. I have spare templates, please contact me if you can help. We want the school to look festive and colourful to bring in the crowds.

Thanks in advance,
Nic (on behalf of the fete committee)



Indonesian News

All students made an excellent start to learning Indonesian in Term 1.

At home you can help students build confidence in speaking Indonesian by counting with them.

The numbers to ten are:

1 - satu	6 - enam
2 - dua	7 - tujuh
3 - tiga	8 - delapan
4 - empat	9 - sembilan
5 - lima	10 - sepuluh

Note that in Indonesian the 'u' sounds like oo in boot.

Students in Grades 5 and 6 worked with numbers up to one million when learning about Indonesian currency so you can challenge them to write a large number in Indonesian words.

This term the topics in Indonesian are:

Faces and Family	Prep to Grade 2
Animals and Actions	Grade 3
Descriptions and Directions	Grade 4
Seasons and Weather	Grades 5 & 6

Look out for updates on the Indonesian Program here and on the blog.

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& 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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HOMework POLICY

RATIONALE

The current evidence and research shows that the quality of homework assigned is likely to be more important than the quantity. Overall, the effectiveness of homework is enhanced by providing students with choices among homework tasks, which will result in higher motivational and performance outcomes, students' autonomy, and intrinsic motivation (Patall et al., 2010).

Homework helps students by:

- complementing and reinforcing classroom learning
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- providing an opportunity for students to become responsible for their own learning
- developing self-regulation processes such as goal-setting, self-reflection and time management
- supporting partnerships with parents by connecting families with the learning of their children.

PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

Homework provides students with opportunities to practice skills, review content and deepen understanding of concepts learned. Homework is seen as one way of supporting and fostering life-long learning and connecting families with the learning of their children.

Homework is recommended. There are benefits from daily reading and spelling practice. This forms the basis of our school's homework.

GUIDELINES FOR ACTION

1. A copy of the Homework Policy will be distributed at the commencement of the school year.
2. Homework is to be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum and needs of students.
3. Students in Grades 3-6 will use student diaries to provide a regular communication between parents and the school.
4. Students are to be given enough time to complete homework, considering home obligations and extracurricular activities.
5. Students will be provided with support regarding their homework.
6. Homework will include a wide range of opportunities for families to engage in their children's learning, e.g. reading to them, talking with them and involving them in learning opportunities during everyday household routines and physical activity.

7. Students are to accept responsibility for the completion of homework tasks within set time frames.
8. Parents are to encourage their children to set aside a regular time and place to complete homework.
9. In Grades Prep to Grade 2, daily homework will include reading and spelling.
10. In Grades 3 and 4, homework will not exceed 20 minutes a day, this includes daily reading.
11. In Grades 5 and 6, homework will not exceed 30 minutes a day, this includes daily reading.
12. Homework will include reading (listening to reading, reading aloud, reading to your child, reading silently) and spelling (words/sounds, sight words, word sorts) on a daily basis for all grade levels.
13. Other types of homework may include:
 - *Practising* of basic maths skills, number facts and counting.
 - *Real life learning at home*, e.g. shopping, cooking, etc.
 - *Researching* for in class projects.
 - *Unfinished classroom activities* if required.
14. This policy is to be read in conjunction with DET policy and guidelines found at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/guidelines.aspx>
15. This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Reviewed: April 27th 2016

Ratified by School Council:

Student Engagement

This year at Narre Warren North Primary School staff continue to endeavour to provide a rich and thought-provoking learning environment in which all students have the opportunity to achieve their best. Throughout the school year and beyond we are focusing on creating an engaging 21st Century learning setting.

One of the major ways in which this is occurring is through the use of learning intentions. So what exactly is a learning intention? A learning intention for a lesson or series of lessons is a statement, created by the teacher, that describes clearly **what students should know, understand, and be able to do as a result of learning and teaching activities**. Clear learning intentions should help students focus not just on the task or activity taking place but on what they are learning. Learning intentions are always linked to one or more learning outcome.

How can I help my child?

So what does this look like so far and what can parents and guardians within the Narre Warren North Primary School community do to support this learning? Learning intentions will be visible within the classroom and discussed with students during lessons. At home as well as asking students 'How was school today?' why not try 'What did you learn today?' Throughout the year you will see learning intentions popping up on our class blogs so take a look at these and speak to students about them as an opportunity to start a meaningful conversation and to find out about their learning. In the junior years you might hear students referring to 'OLI the Dog' which is their way of remembering 'Our Learning Intention'. You might even see the acronym 'WALT' thrown into some learning intentions as a quick reminder for students that 'We Are Learning To...'



The value of learning intentions

Research shows that students who regularly receive this information in the classroom are:

- more focused for longer periods of time
- more motivated and active in their learning
- better able to take responsibility for their own learning

So why is really important that we share learning intentions with our students?

To give our students the tools they need to take more responsibility for their own learning and achieve greater learning independence, we need to communicate to them:

- what they are going to learn
- why they should learn it in the first place
- how they will recognise when they have succeeded

So feel free to take the opportunity to support your children at home by engaging them in conversations that will follow on from what they are learning in the classroom when you have the opportunity to do so.

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NARRE NORTH FOXES
FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB



FRIDAY 6TH MAY
LADIES MARKET
NIGHT

Come do some shopping while enjoying a glass of bubbles or wine. Some of our amazing stall holders are Jamberry Nails, Younique Makeup, Tupperware, The Body Shop, Bubidi Boo Hair Accessories, Angel Cards Tarot Reader just to name a few...



**Great night to
catch up with
friends and do
some
shopping**

**Only \$10
entry
includes a
glass of
Bubbles**

7pm – 10pm

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