



NARRE WARREN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DIARY DATES

24th to 30th May

Life Education Incursion for
Grades Prep to 6

Friday, 26th May

Assembly at 9.00am

Interschool Sport at our school

Monday, 29th May

Divisional Cross Country for
selected students

Wednesday, 31st May

Special Lunch day – Pre-ordered

Friday, 2nd June

Hoop Time Basketball for
selected Grades 3 & 4 students

Monday 5th to Friday 9th June

Grades 5/6 Coonawarra Camp

Wednesday, 7th June

Prep Open Morning for 2018
Preps – 9.15 to 10.15am

Last day for CERES

Environmental Park Excursion
payments – Grades 3 & 4

Tuesday, 13th June

Rescheduled Cool Calm Kids for
Grades Prep, 1 & 2A

Friday, 16th June

Hoop Time Basketball for
selected Grades 5 & 6 students

Tuesday, 20th June

Parents' & Friends' Club
Meeting at 9.15am

School Review – Parent Forum
9.30am

Wednesday, 21st June

CERES Environmental Park
excursion for Grades 3 & 4

Thursday, 27th July

Australian Maths Competition



Principal's Pen

School Review Parent Forum

As you are aware our School Review is being held this year. As part of this Review we have a School Reviewer, Anne Nicholls who will be conducting student forums and a parent forum to gain feedback about Narre Warren North PS.

The student forums for Grades 3 to 6 is next week. The Parent Forum is on **Tuesday 20th June at 9.30am**. Morning tea will be provided.

If you are available and would like to attend the Parent Forum can you please click on the link below to let us know you are coming. When you arrive on the day please sign in at the office. The office staff will let you know where this forum will be held. The venue depends on the number of parents attending.

<https://goo.gl/forms/d8EBMcOMTERPCnX83>

Education Week

Our focus for Education Week is 'Healthy Mind, Healthy Body'. This fits in very well with our Positive Mental Health priority. Students have participated in a range of mindfulness activities during the week. Last night we also had our Open Night and Book Fair. It was pleasing to see so many parents come to visit and see the wonderful work the children have been doing at school. I hope you had a chance to see the feather display organised by Mrs Searles in the Multi-purpose Room.

Principal for an hour

A few weeks ago students in Grades 3/4B and 3/4D wrote a persuasive piece on 'Why I should be Principal for a day/hour'. Many of these were outstanding. From these pieces of work 2 students, Thomas P (Gr 4) and Zahra K (Gr 3), were selected to be Principal for an hour. They worked so well undertaking some of the jobs I had on my list yesterday, including giving teachers feedback, that their Principal role in the office was extended to half a day!!

Coding

Did you know that Coding is part of the school curriculum? Our students in Grades 3 to 6 have access to a computer all day every day. As part of their learning students have participated in activities and programs to learn about coding. Being introduced to coding gives students an appreciation of what can be built or created using technology. For example, Grade 3/4 students are learning how to use 'Scratch' to create games, animations and toys. There are basic exercises, as well as challenges to stretch those that can go further. In Grade 5/6, students are learning how the building blocks of the web work and will build their own websites using 'HTML and CSS 1'. Students who excel in this will independently move onto Python later in the year.

Gmail

At school all students have a Gmail account through the school to enable them to share work with their teachers, work collaboratively with other students and access work on their Hapara page (Grades 3-6). It is difficult to monitor emails from student to student so restrictions have been put in place where students will now only be able to email their classroom teachers.

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2018 enrolments

To help us with planning for 2018 we are asking families with siblings who will be starting Grade Prep in 2018 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.

Uniform

The new logo poly-cotton polos are now fully stocked in all sizes in our Hallam store. Old logo poly-cotton polos are also available at discounted prices.

Connie vanderVoort,
Principal

Principal for a Day

On Wednesday, 24th May I was Principal for 3 hours. Zara K and I did important jobs around the school for Ms. V. Some of those jobs were checking for fire extinguishers, emergency plans and behaviour charts. To do this we had to walk to every classroom in the school with a checklist.

By Thomas P

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair yesterday, we have raised \$1765 worth of books for our library.

District Cross Country:

Congratulations to our students in Grade 3 to 6 who competed in the District Cross Country on Tuesday 16th May!! Overall our students finished in second place which is a HUGE effort. This year the event was held at Maranatha Christian School in Officer and our students were able to successfully navigate track!! We have a number of students who have qualified to run at the Divisional Cross Country on Monday 29th May:

10 GIRLS: Evelyn C, Olivia M

11 BOYS: Nikola S, Cooper M, Austin F

11 GIRLS: Dakota K, Nadia A, Shalisa H

12 GIRLS: Zoey Da, Taylah G

Congratulations and best of luck at the Divisional Cross Country!!

Thanks,
Miss Yue

Parents' and Friends' Club

Mothers' Day Stall

Thank you to the parents who assisted with our Mothers' Day stall, we greatly appreciated your help.

Special Lunch Day

Our Special Lunch Day is on **Wednesday, 31st May** for pre-ordered lunch orders. Orders for this day have now closed. Helpers are also required on this day, so if you can help please contact me on 0409 546 042.

Entertainment Books

The Entertainment Books have arrived and are available for purchase at a cost of \$70. A sample is available at our school office. To order your book or your digital membership online, please visit www.entbook.com.au/183x955 or cash payments can be made at our school office.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 20th June at 9.00am. This meeting will include the School Review. Morning tea will be provided. New members welcome!

Tamara Bush,
President

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Little Possums Playgroup

The Little Possums Playgroup will be running again this year every Wednesday during Terms 3 and 4. This program is designed for 3 year old children who will be attending 4 year old pre-school in 2018. Little Possums program offers 3 year old children the opportunity to participate in a range of developmentally appropriate activities in a school environment. Activities may include story time, painting, puzzles, dramatic play and activities to increase children's fine motor skills. Parents are required to stay with their children during the sessions and a cost of \$30 per term is required, upon enrolment, to provide supplies for the program. The playgroup will run from 10:00am to 11:30am on a Wednesday. Enrolment forms are available on the school website or at the office. If you are planning on participating with your child in the program during Term 3, please enrol by the end of this term. If you have any questions please speak to any of our office staff or Miss Laura Smith, who will be co-ordinating the program again.



'Aussies of the Month'

The 'Aussie of the Month' program has been operating since 1991 at Narre Warren North Primary School.

This program has recognised hundreds of students over the years for their great school and team spirit, well-tuned social skills, listening and leadership qualities, as well as endorsing individual skills and strengths in schoolwork, sporting and community areas. It is not purely an academic award.

The 'Aussie of the Month' is awarded to someone chosen by the grade teacher, in consultation with previous teachers and specialist teachers. One person from each grade is chosen for the award. A composite class is regarded as one grade, so the teacher only selects one person from their grade.

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Congratulations to the following students from the Grade 5/6 classes:

Grade 5/6A – Tyson M

- ❖ *5/6A's 'Aussie of the Month' Tyson, is a respectful class member.*
- ❖ *He is courteous and well-mannered.*
- ❖ *Tyson is always looking out for others – showing consideration for other's opinions and needs.*
- ❖ *He is a caring and sensitive individual who can be relied on by others.*
- ❖ *Tyson is honest.*
- ❖ *He demonstrates determination and is keen to improve.*
- ❖ *Tyson is growing in confidence and often has very interesting and insightful thoughts to share during class discussions.*
- ❖ *He asks questions to expand his knowledge and takes on board advice that is given.*
- ❖ *Tyson willingly takes on any jobs that need doing – often without being asked.*
- ❖ *He regularly assists other students and staff members with a wide range of practical and technical help – inside the classroom and around the school – and is a valuable member of the school community.*

Grade 5/6B – Harry K

- ❖ *Harry is an eager and hardworking student who always tries his best in everything that he does.*
- ❖ *He has proven his ability to work responsibly when working independently, drawing on teacher feedback and acting on advice given.*
- ❖ *When working in groups, Harry tends to take on a leadership role, motivating his team towards success.*
- ❖ *Socially, Harry is an honest and thoughtful classmate, who makes sure he is polite and friendly to all of his peers.*
- ❖ *Harry is described by teachers in the school as: awesome, helpful, kind, reliable, a super sportsman, hilarious, infectious and considerate.*
- ❖ *He is a fantastic friend and is well liked by all, constantly using his great sense of humour to cheer others up around him.*
- ❖ *There have been times that Harry has made his teacher laugh so much that she forgets what she is actually teaching and has to start again!*
- ❖ *He is an exceptional buddy and an all-around superstar.*
- ❖ *Harry, you absolutely deserve to be 5/6B's Aussie of the Month!*

Grade 5/6C – Jemma S

- ❖ *5/6C's Aussie of the Month Jemma is an invaluable member of our class and the school community.*
- ❖ *Jemma is a natural born leader who consistently ensures that every team member feels supported and comfortable when working in a group.*
- ❖ *Jemma's passion towards learning and commitment to always put in 100% effort is evident in the high standard of work that she produces.*
- ❖ *Jemma's drama talents bring joy to her audience.*
- ❖ *Her caring and helpful nature benefits other students by helping them become more confident.*
- ❖ *Jemma is responsible for her own learning and ensures that she always follow instructions while self-monitoring her progress and behaviour.*
- ❖ *Words used to describe Jemma include: leader, a passionate learner, hardworking, caring, responsible, polite and kind.*
- ❖ *Jemma always gives 100%, helps others and is very responsible.*
- ❖ *The kindness Jemma shows towards every member of the school community, whether it be student, parent or teacher deserves to be commended as she has successfully contributed to the welcoming school culture that is Narre Warren North Primary School.*

Raina Rydberg, Student Wellbeing Coordinator/Grade 1 Teacher

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