



# NARRE WARREN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 9 – 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

## DIARY DATES

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

No assembly

Grades 5/6 Coonawarra  
Campers due back about  
3.00pm

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June

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

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June

Hoop Time Basketball for  
selected Grades 5 & 6 students

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June

Parents' & Friends' Club  
Meeting at 9.15am

School Review – Parent Forum  
9.30am

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June

CERES Environmental Park  
excursion for Grades 3 & 4

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Assembly at 9.00am

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June

End of Term assembly – 9.00am  
End of Term - 3.30pm finish

House Athletics payments due  
for Grades 3 to 6

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June

No school – Parent/Teacher  
Interviews & Student Led  
Conferences

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July

Start of Term 3

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July

House Athletics for Grades 3-6

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July

Australian Maths Competition



## Principal's Pen

### Coonawarra Camp

I have been in daily contact with Ms Yue at Camp. Reports from Camp have been very positive. Even though it was a bit wet earlier this week this has not stopped the students from participating in a number of activities.

### Fish 'n Chips lunch

As you are aware last week the Parents' and Friends' Club organised the special lunch day for our students. This could not have occurred without some of our parents organising this and having the support of other parents and guardians to go to and from the Fish and Chip shop to deliver the food to our students.

I would like to sincerely thank **Nicole Topliff** and **Justine Simonsen** for organising the lunch before the day and being available on the day to assist with the orders and deliveries. I would also like to thank the following parents/guardians for transporting the meals to our school: **Gayle** and **Eric Keys**, **Brooke Wilson**, **Shelly Cipriano**, **Jenny McLaurin**, **Debbie Lee**, **Natasha Hicks**, **Sharon Akram** and **Jamee Delosa**.

**Without their support we could not have had this special lunch.**

I would also like to thank **Heatherton Village Fish and Chips** for preparing 331 food packs for our students on this day. This was a mammoth effort and no-one went hungry!

### A Day Made Better

It is exciting to see so many of our teachers being nominated for the 'A Day Made Better' competition. This competition is to recognise teachers who have made an impact. If you would like to nominate or support one of our teachers nominated please do so using the following link. <http://www.adaymadebetter.com.au/>

### School Review

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 facilitate the parent forum to gain feedback about Narre Warren North PS on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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>

### 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.

*Connie vanderVoort,  
Principal*

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

### **Special Lunch Day**

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Special Lunch day a success.

### **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](http://www.entbook.com.au/183x955) or cash payments can be made at our school office.

### **Next Meeting**

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

Tamara Bush, President

## **Junior Hoop Time**

### **The Grades 3 and 4 Future Stars grand final win!**

**We are the Future Stars – Evelyn, Jack, Diesel, Ava, Austin, Adam, Daniel and Sienna**

*It was amazing being part of hoop time and us all having a fun time. Our team was filled with AWESOME basketball players and so were the other Narre Warren North teams. We played 6 games and we were undefeated and in the lead to the grand final. We were very excited to play the grand final. The grand final was held on court 6 at Dandenong stadium. The game started and we could hear all the Narre Warren North teams cheering us on really loud that our ear drums almost burst. The referee was getting everyone to keep cheering us all on. We could hear the Narre Warren North students and teachers chanting our names. We all played our best game yet!! 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1!!!!!! We had won 37-5!!!! The game was over and everyone ran on the court and gave us all a massive hug!!! Then we had a presentation and we all won a basketball and we made it through to regional. We had a really good coach who helped us all a lot to get us through the grand final and win it. It's an experience that we will never forget. And that was the Future Stars grand final report.*

*By Evelyn C.*

### **Junior Hoop Time**

*We finally arrived at school and got told our team and got our singlets and our team name was the Nets. We were playing with the basketballs and drank a lot of water. Then we got on the bus. We finally arrived at Dandenong Stadium and it was time to play basketball. On the team was Austin, Ava, Jack, Evelyn, Daniel, Sienna, Diesel and Adam. The first game was easy. The second game we versed an ALL-STAR team was a bit harder this time. The third game was another ALL-STAR. We all had the best day ever. We then found out that the school was undefeated and no teams had lost a game. The fifth game was a win against a future-star team. Then we saw a rookie team lose. It was a pretty close game and everyone played well. The sixth game was another win. Finally the grand final the scores were 37 to 5 and you had to get six or over to make it to the next level. We broke the old school record the school has ever done before. For the scores the old record was 40 we got 41. It was amazing. It was the best day ever. Everybody played really well. We enjoyed going to Hoop Time and are all excited for the next level.*

*By Austin, Adam, Ava, Daniel and Sienna.*

### **Hoop Time**

*I finally got to school and got my t-shirt. There were 6 teams. We were all very excited. It was time to leave to go to Dandenong Stadium. On my team was Sienna, Evelyn, Jack, Austin, Daniel, Adam, Diesel and Ava. Our team name was NETS. The first game was easy. The second game we played an ALL-STAR team and a win but it was a bit harder. The third game was another ALL-STAR and a win as well. The fourth game we vs a future-star team and it was a hard game. The fifth game was a win to a future star team. Then we watched the Nuggets play. It was time for our sixth game and a win with it. Now it was time for the final game. The score was 37 to 5. The school only lost 1 game and we play 32 games in total. The Nets got a basketball each. All the teams played a great game. Then it was time to go back to school.*

*By Ava D*

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# Choosing a 'just right' book

In addition to the levelled books that students take home, they are encouraged to read a wide variety of texts that interest them. As part of our CAFÉ reading program, students are taught how to choose a 'just right' book using the iPICK strategy. This strategy can also be used at home to help choose reading material!



## **I choose a book**

It is important that students have the opportunity to choose their own reading material. This helps them become independent readers.

## **Purpose**

Students should consider the reason why they want to read the book. They can do this by asking themselves questions such as:

- Am I reading for enjoyment or to learn something?
- Am I reading by myself or with someone else?
- Am I reading silently or aloud to an audience?

## **Interest**

When choosing a book, it should be something that interests the reader. There are so many fantastic books to choose from that students should look beyond reading just one author or genre. To gauge their interest, students can:

- Look at the front cover
- Flip through a few pages to look at subheadings or pictures
- Read the blurb

## **Comprehension**

It is important that students are able to comprehend what they read. To do this it is often useful for them to read a few pages and then stop and ask themselves:

- Do I remember what I just read?
- Did I understand what I read?
- Can I tell someone else about what I read?

## **Know the words**

In order for students to have a good understanding of what they read, they need to be able to decode – or read – most of the words accurately. An easy way to test this is to have students use the 'Five finger rule'. Ask them to open the book to any page and read it. The number of errors will help them determine if it is a just right book:

- 0 – 1 errors: the book is too easy
- 2 – 3 errors: the book is just right
- 4 – 5 errors: the book is too difficult

*Katherine Darbyshire*  
English Co-ordinator



## 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.



# NOMINATE A TEACHER WHO HAS **MADE AN** **IMPACT** TODAY.

Do you know a teacher who has made an impact? The A Day Made Better Teaching Awards gives you the opportunity to recognise a primary or secondary school teacher for the lasting impact they have made. If chosen as one of 10 winners, they'll receive over \$6,000 worth of supplies and an Apple iPad for their classroom.

**NOMINATE A TEACHER BY 23RD JUNE.**

**ONE TEACHER. HUNDREDS OF LIVES MADE BETTER.**

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**A DAY  
MADE  
BETTER**  
TEACHING AWARDS

 **OfficeMax**

**Football for ALL ABILITIES – [ffc.org.au](http://ffc.org.au)**

**Berwick City Soccer Club – 7-A-SIDE Football**

Join our all new team for kids (aged 5 to 16) with a disability  
(including: Cerebral Palsy, Acquire Brain injury, Stroke and Vision Impairment)

A fun friendly relaxed atmosphere – Every Thursday 5.30 to 6.30pm

At Fox Reserve, Narre Warren North

For further details contact:

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The Annual Dinner for Narre Warren North Kindergarten is being held in July. If you would like to attend please find all the details above. You can put together a table of 10 or come and we can add you to a table. We are trying to raise money for the children to add to their Kindergarten experience. If you wish to attend please contact Lucinda Jones (Mealea's mum from 1C) on either 0412 639 159 or [jonesfamily14@inet.net.au](mailto:jonesfamily14@inet.net.au) to book.