



NARRE WARREN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 14 – 30th August, 2018



DIARY DATES

Friday, 31st August

Grade Prep Fathers' Day
Morning – 8.00am

Monday, 3rd September

Parents' & Friends' Club
Meeting – 9.15am

School hats need to be worn

Wednesday, 5th September

Last day to purchase Parents' &
Friends' Club raffle tickets
Special Lunch Orders need to be
submitted by 9.30am

Friday, 7th September

Science Works Excursion for
Grades 5 & 6

Assembly at 2.45pm

Parents' Club Raffle drawn

Monday, 10th September

Junior Hoop Time for selected
Grade 3 & 4 students

Wednesday, 12th September

Special Lunch Day

Football colours Dress Up Day –
no cost

Friday, 21st September

Last day of Term 3 – 2.30pm
finish

Saturday, 27th October

**Bogan Bingo Night – Save the
date**

Thursday, 15th November

Rescheduled Whole School
Photo



Principal Pen

Welcome

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Vanessa Wilson joined our school community as our Physical Education teacher this week. Vanessa has taught PE for 14 years. We welcome her to our school and are very much looking forward to having her work with our students in PE and Sport.

Communication

Our school communicates in a number of ways including the newsletter, flexibuzz, teacher emails, face to face, phone calls, etc. Communication is a two way street so if parents have a particular issue we would appreciate it if you could contact the classroom teacher, Ben Zimmerle or myself. The Facebook page currently being used to complain about our school is not affiliated with the school so problems using this social media site cannot be dealt with. If you have a grievance or concern, it would be appreciated if you could pop in and see us, or contact us if this is not possible, to discuss any issues you may have. If you believe that an issue is not being dealt with effectively, if it is taking too long for us to get back to you, or if the problem reoccurs further down the track, please contact us again. We want to assist parents but if we don't know we can't help.

School uniforms

Some parents have been wondering what has been happening with the old uniforms in Lost Property with the old logo. At the moment, thanks to Justine Simonsen who cleans out the lost property, all uniforms that are named are returned to classrooms. Unnamed uniforms that are in good condition have been going to the Op Shop for resale, others have been discarded. School Council agreed that from now on, any unnamed uniforms with the old logo will no longer be sold as uniforms and the Op Shop has agreed to sell these as rags. It is expected that students currently in Prep and Grade 1 should be wearing uniforms with the new logo. If there are any parents of students in Grades Prep and 1 who have difficulty in making this change please contact Mrs Woodward or myself as we may be able to assist you.

Parent fundraising

Our Parents' and Friends' Club do an amazing job fundraising for our school. Last year all the school's fundraising went towards the purchase of shade sails across the school. This year the profits will be going towards trestle tables; and play equipment and seating in the yard. Thank you to the Parents' and Friends' Club for organising the Fathers' Day stall this week.

Auslan

This year Auslan has been taught in Grade Prep. In 2019 Auslan will be taught in Grades Prep to Grade 2. Indonesian will still be part of the curriculum for Grades 3 to 6.

Ms Liz Forbes is our 'Teacher of the Week' this week.

Happy Fathers' Day to all our dads and grandfathers.

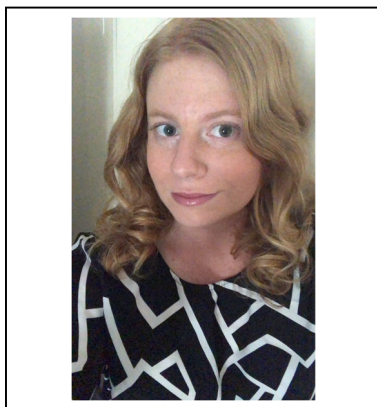
Connie vanderVoort, Principal

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Teacher of the Week



Name: Elizabeth (Liz) Forbes		2018 Grade: 5/6B	
What is your favourite:	Colour: Purple	Food: Strawberries or watermelon	Book: Matilda
	Footy Team: Essendon	School Subject: Inquiry	Animal: Giraffe
What is your favourite Book/Movie/TV character and why? Miss Honey from Matilda – She was what first inspired me to be a teacher. I really admired her relationships with her students and how kind she was. Her classroom seemed like a great place to be despite Miss Trunchbull.			
Do you have a pet? If so, tell us about your pet: My brother and I share a cat who we rescued from the Lost Dogs Home 3 years ago. She is a tortoiseshell and her favourite spot to sleep is on the back of the couch in the sun.			
What do you like to do out of school? Visit friends and family, go for walks and relax			
Tell us your favourite joke: Did you hear about the hamburger who couldn't stop making jokes? A: He was on a roll!			

Dakota K's Basketball Achievements

My name is Dakota, and I recently I went to represent Victoria in Darwin, NT. It was very hot in the stadium but Victoria pushed through making both under 18's and under 12's team finals We went to see the famous crocodiles and the beautiful Berry mineral springs. We played 8 games in total against WA, QLD, NSW, NT, ACT and SA. We won all games which led to the grand finals against WA and won by 40, and brought home gold. Thank You for the free dress day and the mini activities during the week. It was a great experience and I will never forget it.

'Aussie of the Month'

Congratulations to our most recent recipients of our 'Aussie of the Month' award from Grades 1B and 1/2C .

Indi B – Grade 1B

Indi always tries her best.

She puts her head down no matter what the test.

She always treats others with respect and is kind.

A better friend you will not find.

The first person to offer a friendly hand.

And make someone feel better when they are feeling sad.

Every time you see Indi, she has a smile on her face.

Her great sense of humour is really ace.

Indi always follows our golden rules.

She has lots of fun and works hard at school.

She plays and learns safely inside and out.

So give Indi a great bit shout!

Sasha B – Grade 1/2C

Sasha is friendly and kind,

She includes people in games and keeps other's feelings in mind.

Sasha starts the day with a smile and a desire to learn,

Many words of praise from the teacher she deservedly earns.

Tidying up and helping others is something she does often do,

Sasha is a true member of team 1/2C through and through.

Following instructions and always trying her best,

This Aussie of the month is seldom seen to rest.

Supportive, polite, hardly ever wears a frown,

You will never find Sasha putting anyone else down.

A hard-working class member who always gets the work done,

Always positive about her learning and joining in the fun.

Caring for others when they are hurt or feeling sad,

Sasha lets the teacher know if something has gone bad.

Even when things happen that are a little bit rough,

Sasha bounces back and shows she is tough stuff.

So without further ado, our Aussie of the month is a real smasher,

Come up on stage and collect your award Sasha!

District Athletics

On Monday, 40 students from Grades 3 – 6 competed in the District Athletic Carnival at Knox Park.

The students competed against five other schools from our area - Mossgiel Park, Thomas Mitchell, Fleetwood, Maranatha and James Cook Primary Schools. Congratulate to all those who represented Narre Warren North on the day. Although cold, we were lucky enough to have a little bit of sun. It made the day so much better.

We were very successful in many of the track and field events and look forward to getting further results in the coming weeks, to see if some of us will be representing our school at the Divisional Athletics Carnival.

We want to thank Sarah Geerts for assisting in the triple jump pit, Mrs Schulz and Miss Barker for their help and all the parents who came and watched on the day.

Narre Warren North Primary School came 3rd overall.



Rainbow and Sunflower Day for the McGrath Foundation

On Friday the 24th August, the Junior School Council organised a special day where you could wear 'Rainbow and Sunflower Colours' in support of Mrs Lindsay Kennedy (a past teacher) who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Her choice of charity is the McGrath Foundation. The \$750 raised on the day will be donated to the foundation. The JSC and school community are very grateful for all the donations as this was the best fundraising effort Narre Warren North has made.

The theme 'Rainbows and Sunflowers' comes from Mrs Kennedy, as when she is feeling sad or having a bad day, she thinks of these things and it makes her feel a bit happier.

It was fabulous to have so many children dress up in beautiful bright colours. This was a real treat for Mrs Kennedy who visited for morning tea and had a photograph with the children before returning to class. Thank you to everyone who made the effort.

Congratulations to the Stojilovic and Porto families who won the raffle.



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Save the date:

Bogan Bingo – Saturday, 27th October 2018

Timbarra Community Hall (next to Child Care Centre)

BYO and nibbles

\$25 for person

Coffee and tea will be provided.

TABLES OF 10

You can purchase your tickets for this exciting event on Qkr! from Friday, 31st August or alternately by cash at the office.

This term is shaping up to be a busy one.

Cookbooks and Entertainment Books

School cookbooks and entertainment books are still available for sale, please see the office to have a look or purchase one.

Raffle

Thank you to the families that have already sold raffle tickets so far. Don't miss out on a chance to win one of our wonderful prizes. If you would like some more raffle tickets, please call into the office. We have extended our raffle until Wednesday, 5th September and it will be drawn at assembly on Friday, 7th September.

Fathers' Day Stall

Thank you to our volunteers for helping with the Fathers' Day stall, giving your precious time is very appreciative.

Bogan Bingo

We are hard at work gathering goodies for our Bogan Bingo night, and it's shaping up to be an amazing night. If you know any companies/individuals that would like to donate, or have any ideas that would add to the fun, please let us know. We will have more details soon but please pencil it in diaries and calendars!

Special Lunch Day – Wednesday, 12th September

Special lunch forms have been distributed, we are excited to see how our pizza day goes. If you are available to help out for this, please let us know. Quick note...we don't need the forms returned to the office if you have paid via QKR. Lunch orders need to be submitted by 9.30am on Wednesday, 5th September – no late orders can be accepted.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Monday 3rd September, 9.15am in the staffroom. We'd love to see anyone who is able to attend.

Dates to remember:

Wednesday, 5th September – Last day for Parents' Club Raffle tickets

Friday, 7th September

Thursday, 30th August – Fathers' day stall in the MPR

Wednesday, 12th September – Special Lunch Day (footy)

Saturday, 27th October – BOGAN BINGO!

Justine Simonsen – President

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Chaplaincy

What pleasure it has been being a part of the Narre Warren North Primary School community! It has been such a wonderful opportunity in getting to know the staff, students, and parents better; I was very thankful to be welcomed with open arms!

Some fun facts about myself... I was born and raised in California, and have been living in Australia for 5 years. I am 24 years old and recently got married in 2017. I have a passion for dance, as it's a great way that helps make me feel happy and have lots of fun. And lucky last, I never match my socks and you will always see me wearing a hair-bow in my hair.

In my role as a Chaplain, not only do I like to play games and have fun, but also have time to chat with the students about how they are feeling with stuff that goes on at home, school, or in their friendships. The Chaplaincy program is a safe place where kids can talk about things that they might not feel comfortable talking about in other environments. There has been big success in seeing each student grow more confident and resilient in themselves! I hope to see more and more students continue to cultivate a positive Growth Mindset!



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

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