



NARRE WARREN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 20 – 6th December, 2018



DIARY DATES

Saturday, 8th December

Narre Warren North Carols by
Candlelight – Bert Rae Reserve –
details in newsletter

Monday, 10th December

Grade 6 Big Day Out
payments due

Parent Helper Morning Tea
11.00am

Last day for Student Banking

Tuesday, 11th December

Prep 2019 Transition session for
enrolled students
9.15 to 10.45am

Thursday, 13th December

Grade 6 Graduation Evening
6.00pm

Friday, 14th December

Last Day for Lunch Orders
Assembly at 2.45pm

Monday, 17th December

Grade 6 – Big Day Out excursion

Friday, 21st December

Last Day of School
Assembly at 9.00am
1.00pm finish

Thursday, 31st January

First day of School for Grades 1
to 6 and half of Grade Prep

Friday, 1st February

First day of school for the other
half of Grade Prep

Monday, 4th February

Commonwealth Student
Banking starts again

Please note: Qkr! closes

**Wednesday, 19th December &
reopens Monday, 21st January**



Principal Pen

Farewell

On Monday this week we said farewell to Rachel Yue at a special assembly where the students wore black and red. Tomorrow we say goodbye to Michelle Findlay who is retiring from teaching. Michelle has worked at Narre Warren North Primary School for over 25 years. She is an amazing teacher who has formed many relationships with staff, students and families. Michelle has worked in all areas of our school. She has had a positive impact on students' learning and has been an outstanding role model for other teachers to learn from. We are lucky that Michelle will still be at our school as a CRT in the future.

This term we also farewell Raina Rydberg who has been at Narre Warren North PS for 19 years. Raina has been an asset to our school and will be missed by students, staff and the school community. She has made a huge difference to our school community as a classroom teacher, a member of the leadership team and in her work as Student Wellbeing Coordinator. Raina will be teaching at Bridgewood PS in Officer from 2019.

We will also say farewell to our short term contracts – Stephanie Barker, Natalie Tyson, Liz Forbes and Danielle Searles.

We wish all of these staff well in their future endeavours and thank them for their hard work and commitment to the students at Narre Warren North Primary School.

Congratulations to Molly

Mrs Searles entered a series of Art works from Grade 1 to Grade 6, in the drawing and painting categories for the Young Australian Art Awards.

Molly G's artwork titled 'Turtle Waterhole' was successful as a finalist in the 2018 Young Australian Art Awards under Indigenous Arts. Entries were received from many students nationally, all of whom have a love of art. Molly's impressive artwork was chosen to receive the Gold Medal Award for being the runner up in her section.

We congratulate Molly on her fantastic effort in creating such a beautiful Art piece. We presented her medallion to her last Friday at the assembly.



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2019 School Leaders

Congratulations to:

Jack S and Talia A – School Captains; and

Tyler G and Ava D – School Vice Captains, for 2019



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current School Captains, Jemma and Layla; and School Vice Captains, Shalisa and James; for their outstanding work and commitment to their roles this year. I am very proud of what they have accomplished. Congratulations also to the House Captains for their enthusiasm and commitment to their role in 2018. The House Captains for 2019 will be announced at the next assembly.

Attached to the newsletter today is a letter from School Council about Buddy benches.

Connie vanderVoort, Principal

Parents' and Friends' Club

Thank You

And that's a wrap! Thank you to all those wonderful parents that supported the Parents' and Friends' Club efforts to raise money for our school this year, we could not have done what we accomplished without you. Please come to the special morning tea on Monday morning, it would be wonderful to see you all.

Cookie Dough

The cookie dough tubs have been ordered and will be arriving in the next week or so. Once they come in we will make arrangements for collection. Thank you for your support. Enjoy the cookies!

Cook Books

Our school's cook books are available at a cost of \$25.00. Great for Christmas presents. A sample of the book can be viewed at the office.

The Toy Workshop

If you buy anything from The Toy Workshop, please mention our school and 10% of your purchase will be donated to our school.

We would love to see more people at our meetings next year so if you think you might be interested please let us know, please check the newsletter for our next meeting when we start up again in the new year!

Justine Simonsen, President



Narre Warren North Community's Carols by Candlelight - Saturday, 8th December

Sausage Sizzle – 6.30pm

Carols – 7.15pm (including our school's choir)

Santa – 8.00 to 8.30pm

\$5.00 family or \$2.00 single

(includes drinks, lollies, sausages, program, glow stick and
a great night of entertainment)

Please note: trucks for the carols will be arriving Friday afternoon
which may affect the use of the car park next to Bert Rae Reserve.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We, the Narre Warren North School Council, on behalf of our Principal, Assistant Principal and school community would like to add 5 buddy benches to our school displaying our school values on each bench similar to the image below. We are asking families and their businesses to be part of this awesome addition.



If you haven't heard of buddy benches, the purpose is to provide a safe place for children to go to during recess and lunchtimes when they can't find friends to play with. Children will then be educated that if they see anyone sitting alone on these benches to approach them and ask them to join in an activity. It is also a visual aid to help teachers be aware of potential social issues children may be having and provide any support and guidance required to help them through any difficulties.

So many recent studies are showing many children now suffering anxiety and depression from a young age and things like feeling as if they don't have friends can be a huge contributing factor in these feelings. Narre Warren North Primary School has a very inclusive school community. Having these buddy benches will reinforce these values to all children and peace of mind for parents knowing our children have a place to go if they are feeling alone and that there will be immediate support for them without the children actually having to tell anyone how they are feeling, which can often be the hardest thing for them to admit.

We are looking for families, their businesses or other members of the local community to contribute toward the purchase, delivery and installation of these benches. Each bench costs approximately \$1000. All contributions will receive a receipt from the school Building Fund, which will make their contribution tax deductible.

Contributions of up to \$100.00 will be acknowledged in the newsletter; for donations between \$100 and \$200 your name or business will be engraved on a plaque and attached to a bench; and for donations over \$200 an individual plaque with your logo and business or family name will be attached to the seat. These seats are made from 100% recycled plastics making the purchase of these benches great for the environment as well.

All contributions can be made via QKR!, together with details of the name to be added to the plaque, whether it is a business or family name.

We are unbelievably proud to be part of this endeavour for our school and hope you will be as excited as we are about being involved.

If you have any questions in relation to these benches or this initiative, please contact Cathy Maher via email on cathy@maherfamily.id.au or mobile 0414 636 959.


Kind regards,

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ACE Foundation

We would like to thank the ACE Foundation for donating books for our Grade Prep students and an award for our Grade 6 Graduation.











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ACE Foundation
has **NO COSTS**.
100% of the money
raised **REACHES**
the children.

THE ACE FOUNDATION PROVIDES:

-  **Free supervised study facilities** available at Thompson Road Clinic with tutoring.
-  **Monetary encouragement awards** to students at 54 schools - Year 6-10.
-  Providing a **reading book** to every prep student when they begin school.
-  **Vision testing** of all primary school students in the City of Casey. Provision of **FREE glasses** if they require them.
-  We financially support **Operation Newstart Casey**. The 8 week program aims to re-engage disengaged young students into the education system and their local community.
-  Financial support to the **Young Mothers Return to School Programme**.
-  Provide 2,500 **replacement meals** per 4 weeks to 12 Secondary Schools in the City of Casey for students who arrive at school without breakfast or a prepared lunch.



For all enquiries acefoundation@trcgp.com.au

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Lost Property

Our new system with the Lost Property is working well, however it would work even better if every item of uniform, drink bottles, containers and sports equipment were clearly named.

Please assist us by naming all items clearly, so they can be returned promptly.

Canteen

Bellbrook Catering would like to wish all our staff, students and families a safe and happy Christmas holiday break with lots of cheers. The last canteen day for 2018 is Friday, 14th December and the first canteen day for 2019 will be Friday, 1st February.



1st Narre Warren North Scout Group

**Please support us by
buying a Christmas tree !**

- Only \$65 -

Tree stands are also available

1st, 2nd & 8th
December
10am-4pm

1st Narre Warren North Scout Group Hall,
Memorial Drive, Narre Warren North

Pre Order:



0400 940 443 or 0433 749 788



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