



NARRE WARREN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 11 – 13th August, 2020

DIARY DATES

17th to 21st August

Science Week – Instructions for activities included in this newsletter

Wednesday, 19th August

Year 7 placements for 2021 will be emailed to Parents of Grade 6 students

Tuesday, 1st September

Normal school day
Proposed Curriculum Day – has been cancelled – see below

Friday, 18th September

Premiers' Reading Challenge closes

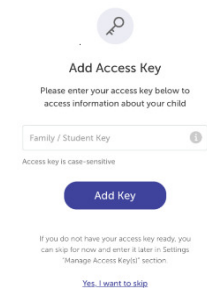
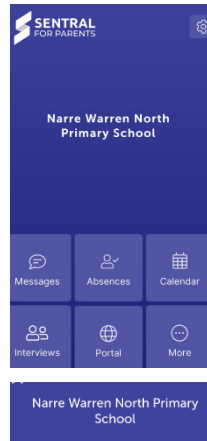
Tuesday, 13th October

Proposed rescheduled Curriculum Day for First Aid training – provided it can go ahead



Principal Pen

Sentral for Parents



We are currently setting up the parent Portal in Sentral so that parents can receive communication via the Parent app and/or website. Communication will include all messages parents received previously via flexibuzz, the newsletter each fortnight (this one will be on it by the end of this week) and student information, including excursion information and student reports at the end of the year.

What to do:

Download the **Sentral for Parents** app

Register using an email and create a password

Follow steps. Ensure you click 'yes' to the notifications.

Add the 'Access key' if you have one – this can be skipped and done at any time. Every parent will have their own access key. (Lorraine will be emailing you these soon but if you accessed the Parent teacher interviews last year you may already have your key).

Once you have done this you will already be able to access the last newsletter and a notice I put on the portal earlier this month.

When you receive the email regarding the access key you can go back and add it to the app to access information about your child when it becomes available.

The newsletter and information will still be available via email until the end of this term. Next term all information for parents will be via the portal (fingers crossed). Facebook will still be used to showcase student work as it is now 😊

Remote learning - feedback

Thank you to the parents who have already given feedback to the teachers and myself on remote learning. It is good to hear that the structure is working well for families.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter we are really interested in hearing feedback on the changes to the structure of how we organise remote learning at our school to see if we can improve on what we are currently doing. Here is the link. This will only take 5 minutes of your time. Thank you in advance.

<https://forms.gle/YkDGMTnFfwViSQu36>

2021 enrolments reminder

We are currently confirming enrolments for students outside our neighbourhood zone. If you have a child starting next year in Prep please enrol now if you haven't already. Please contact the office if you need to pick up or be sent an enrolment form.

We are still doing virtual school tours for new families. If you know anyone who is interested to send their child to our school please let them know.

Thank you to the parents who have let us know that their children won't be attending our school in 2021. If you know you are leaving at the end of the year can you please let the office know?

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The Curriculum Day scheduled for 1st September has been cancelled. We have tentatively rescheduled this day to 13th October. On this day all staff will be participating in First Aid training as our certificates expire at the end of this term!

Building update!!

We had a meeting with Rendine, the construction company completing our project. This is still going ahead but the delivery of the building to the school, due to COVID-19, will not be completed until Term 1, 2021.

Cancelled - Fathers' Day stall

In the last newsletter I mentioned that we would like to go ahead with the Fathers' Day stall. Unfortunately due to the current situation with Stage 4 restrictions we will not be able to hold this in 2020 which is disappointing

Connie vanderVoort
Principal.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADDITION

Fun activities to do with reluctant writers

P-2 - Play a game of Flying Messages

You'll need a ball or Frisbee, some tape, and paper cut into six strips. Each person writes three commands on the strips of paper, e.g. "Hop on your left foot six times" or "Squeak like a mouse". Go outside and stand apart so you will be able to catch the item. Tape your first strip to the ball or Frisbee. Toss it to your partner and get them to read the message and follow the instructions. Then they tape their first strip to the ball or Frisbee and return the flying message.

Years 3-6 - Create a Family Time Capsule

Start by getting a shoebox, paper and pencils, and an envelope for each person in the family. Tell the family that you will be making a Family Time Capsule, to be opened in five years. Have each member of the family write a letter, telling about themselves and their favourite things. Make sure to include what is going on in the world today? Where do you want to be in five years? When each person is finished, seal the letter in the envelope and write the person's name and date on it. Then add more items to the Family Time Capsule, like baby and current photos and drawings. Also include the front page of today's newspaper. Have everyone help seal the box with tape. Then write on the outside "Do NOT open until [date]!" Hide the box somewhere and leave it for 5 years until the opening date.

SCRIPTS Writing

The SCRIPTS writing program that we use at NWNPS enables students to have individual writing goals for students to focus upon based on the skills they have shown. Writing instruction is broken up into the most important components (Structure, Conventions, Revisions, Ideas, Punctuation, Text Types and Spelling). Goals are identified after completing Cold Writes or other work samples during writing tasks. Teachers and students then track these skills on the ACTS document for each style of writing, e.g. narrative or procedure.

Currently students across the school are focusing on the following text types:

- Prep – Narratives
- Grade 1 through to Grade 4 – Procedures
- Grade 5 and 6 – Explanations

Students have the opportunity to work in small strategy groups to continue to develop their writing skills based on their writing goals during remote learning. So make sure that students join teachers online via Google Meet, Zoom and Skype to help ensure they further improve their writing skills and knowledge.

Kirrilee Cruse
Acting Assistant Principal



Working at home 2.0

As Melbourne went into lockdown 2.0 you could feel a change in the air.

No longer is their excitement about staying home but annoyance and frustration at not being allowed to see our family and friends, at missing out on sports and at not being able to go out for dinner. There is worry for health and job security and many parents have concerns about how to support their children in remote learning once again.

What we need to remember is that we made it through last time and we learnt some important things.

- Our kids experienced a different way of learning
- Routine was vitally important, structure your day
- Breaks are important
- Physical activity is invaluable for the whole family
- Be creative and flexible when things aren't working
- Take one day at a time
- Ask for help



Our students and families did such a great job last time demonstrating all of our school values, particularly resilience and persistence we couldn't be more proud. To get through this time we need to continue to support each other, show love and kindness and forgiveness and understanding. We should;

- Share things that make us smile and laugh
- Celebrate each other's achievements and motivate each other to read, exercise, eat well, be mindful, be creative
- Support those doing it tough and offer assistance if you can
- Talk kindly and generously to each other
- Celebrate the beauty of time at home with family and pets
- Smile in photos and post them to remind others of the joy of our company
- Offer to share books, games, puzzles, sourdough and other isolation baking treats.

What you put out into the world has an impact on the world and those in it. Pledge to spread positivity until this next lockdown is over, and you can rest assured you will be spreading joy and hope when we need it most.

It is going to be a challenge, but we will get through it by staying connected with each other and being kind to ourselves. Please reach out to your child's teacher or the school if you are wanting support.

Shelley Wylie- Leading Teacher Student Wellbeing

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Our Community's school values are;

**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, RESILIENCE,
PERSISTENCE AND HONESTY.**

If you need some support please contact the school or one of the support services listed below.



1800 55 1800



Science News

This term in Science students are learning remotely. Our focus is Chemistry. We will be mixing different chemicals together to find out how they change. We will describe the chemicals or materials before during and after the experiment. We will learn about and describe solids liquids and gases. Activities are the same across the school and families are encouraged to do science together.

Some of our chemistry experiments this term include making play dough, making Jelly and making pancakes.

Science Week is August 17 - 21 and students are encouraged to participate in the science experiments that will be placed in the online Science Classroom and attach your science photos to the task.

The Science has been placed in a separate online classroom. To add the Science classroom click on the 3 lines in the top left of your online class, click classes, click +, click add class and use the code: yyuq2et

This term Science is not compulsory and will not be assessed.

Doug Rankin

Chaplaincy News

Mercedes Johns would like to share their exiting news about the arrival of their son!

Welcoming
FORD
INDIANA
JOHNS

TUESDAY AUGUST 4TH, 2020

12:50PM

4.08KG / 9LBS

50 CM / 19 INCHES

Ford Indiana Johns
BORN: 04/08/2020
TIME: 12:50pm
WEIGHT: 4.08kg
LENGTH: 50cm

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4/08/2020

Dear School Community,

Temporary closure of retail stores

Following the Victorian Government's recent announcements regarding Stage 4 restrictions across Metropolitan Melbourne, we will be closing our retail stores until further notice. These closures will commence from **Wednesday 5th of August**. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

We are still able to operate for online orders, which can be placed through our online store at the following link:

<http://store.beleza.com.au>

To account for the forced closure of our stores, we will be offering 50% off for shipping costs for orders across Victoria. Please be advised that due to restrictions placed on manufacturing, there may be some delays to placed orders. We will work to communicate these to you as soon as possible, should they occur.

We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding over the recent months. We wish you all the best for the coming weeks and hope you all stay safe. We look forward to seeing you back in store as soon as we can.

Kind regards,

Beleza School Uniforms

National Science Week 2020



By popular demand, National Science Week is coming to OSHC!

From **Monday 17th August – Friday 21st August**, National Science Week is back in OSHC. Science week is all about connecting your child with the wonders of science, the magic of cause and effect, the excitement of experimentation and, above all, the importance of teamwork.

See what's planned for National Science Week:

Monday	The Solar System
Tuesday	Lava Lamps
Wednesday	Magnetics
Thursday	Food Science
Friday	Coding with Ozobots

It's FREE to Register. (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).

Register at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Visit our blog for helpful information and fun activities.

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families. Visit the blog here: <https://campaustralia.com.au/blog>