



NARRE WARREN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 2 – 15th February, 2018

DIARY DATES

Tuesday, 13th February
School Council nominations
opened

Monday, 19th February
Parents' & Friends' Club
meeting – 9.15am

Tuesday, 20th February
School Council nominations
close 4.00pm

Thursday, 22nd February
District Swimming

Friday, 23rd February
Assembly at 9.00am

Prep 2018 Family Barbecue

Monday, 26th February
School Photos – Please ensure
that correct school uniform is
worn – house shirts can be
brought to school to change
into. Also students must be on
time as photos start at 9.00am.

Tuesday, 27th February
Family Life Program for Grades
5 & 6 - payments due by 9.30am

Thursday, 1st March
Open Water Swimming program
for Grades 5 & 6

5th & 6th March
'Getting to know you'
Parent/Teacher interviews -
Information emailed next week

Wednesday, 7th March
Family Life Program for
Grades 5 & 6 commences

Monday, 12th March
Public Holiday – Labour Day

Tuesday, 13th March
Curriculum Day – No School



Principal Pen

School Photos

Your child should have received a notice for permission to have their school photo taken on Monday, 26th February. This form must be returned to school by Friday, 23rd February for your child to be included in the photos. Please check with your child if they have the form, if not please contact their teacher or the office.

Student leaders

Congratulations to our School Captains, School Vice Captains and House Captains on receiving their leadership badges at our Pledge Ceremony last Friday. All student leaders will be going to the Leadership Conference in the city in March to learn about being a leader.

Congratulations also to Seth Z and Evelyn C for being nominated our 2018 Flag Monitors. Their responsibility will be to put up the flag each school day, unless it's raining, and take it down at the end of the day.



School uniform

Attached to the newsletter this week is the Student Uniform Policy. It is expected that the students wear what is listed in this policy. Over the last few weeks the teachers and I have needed to speak to students about the wearing of netball skirts/skorts and ribbons in girls' hair. Stretchy skorts are not part of the uniform and ribbons need to be navy blue, yellow, or white. Hair ties can also be black.

Sunsmart - sunscreen and hats

Due to all the media attention about *sunscreen* and children developing allergies we will not be supplying sunscreen to students this year. We do recommend, however, that you provide your own for your children. Please label these (no sprays please) and give to the classroom teacher who will ensure that your child applies sunscreen before going outside at recess and lunch and before PE and Sport in Terms 1 and 4. Unfortunately at the beginning of the school year Beleza ran out of *hats*. We have been informed that these are now available for purchase so will now be expecting the students to wear school hats. We have made a complaint about the service at Beleza and quality of hats. If you have recently purchased a hat which has gone purple School Council have suggested that you ask for a replacement at Beleza.

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Science, Performing Arts and LOTE

This year we have a Science Specialist rather than a Performing Arts Specialist. The feedback from students has been highly positive so far in terms of Science. Teachers, under the direction of our Performing Arts Coordinator Ms Hogan, are covering Performing Arts within teams. Please refer to Ms Hogan's item elsewhere in the newsletter. During the year from next term, grades will hold short performances at assembly as well as during Education Week. From Term 2 the choir will be running for interested students during their break times. School concerts are held every second year so our next one is in 2019.

LOTE will be taught from Term 2. Indonesian will be taught in Grades 1 to 6 as previously. In Prep this year School Council have approved the teaching of Auslan as a trial.

Professional Practice Days

In the new Government agreement there is a provision for teachers to be released from their teaching duties one day a term to improve their professional practice. Please find attached information from DET outlining this information.

Parents and Friends Meeting.

On Monday 19th February at 9.15am there will be a Parents' and Friends' Club meeting in the staffroom. Last year we did not have a quorum by the end of the year (5 parents) so this meeting will determine whether we will have a Parents' and Friends' Club in 2018. For a quorum a President, Treasurer and Secretary will need to be appointed. All welcome to this meeting. No experience required.

School Council

Earlier this week we issued a notice to all families via email calling for nominations for School Council. School Council is an excellent opportunity for parents to learn about what is happening around the school. You do not need to have any experience to be on Council.

Late Students/Absences

If your child is late to school, please ensure that they report to the office first to collect a late pass before going to class. Reminder: If your child is absent, please email your child's teacher in the morning or phone the school.

Connie vanderVoort
Principal.

Performing Arts Program

Our classroom teachers will be teaching Performing Arts this year within the classroom as part of the Victorian Curriculum. All grades from Prep to Grade 6 will participate in an hour of Performing Arts per week. Our lessons will cover Dance, Drama and Music across the year.

Prep students will be participating in Drama lessons during Term 1 with a focus on dramatic role play and the book 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt'. This will be followed by Dance and Music across the remainder of the year.

Grade 1/2 students are also participating in Drama lessons during Term 1 with a focus on exploring roles and characters in dramatic play and action using Fairytales. Dance and Music will be taught across the remainder of the year with a focus on percussion and rhythm.

Grade 3/4 students will be working across four rotations that cover Dance, Drama, Music and Singing with each 3/4 teacher teaching a different area. The students will rotate each term. In Music students will be learning to play the recorder.

Grade 5/6 students will also be working in rotations of Music, Dance and Drama. Students in 5/6 will be learning to play the keyboard within their Music lessons.

We will also be running a Choir with practices to be held during lunch times. Performances will be held during assemblies from next term.

Stephanie Hogan, Performing Arts Coordinator

Canteen – Alterations to Price List

Adjustments have been made to the 2018 Canteen list – please refer to the new list attached to the newsletter email for future canteen days.

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Student Dress Code Policy

RATIONALE

Narre Warren North Primary School is committed to child safety and establishing and maintaining child safe and child friendly environments where all children are valued and feel safe. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently through our policies and procedures.

School uniform readily identifies students as belonging to our school community.

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

To promote equality amongst all students

To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school

To provide durable clothing that is cost effective, practical for our school environment and is aligned with our school Sun Smart Policy.

To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community

GUIDELINES FOR ACTION

1. A Dress Code Policy shall be maintained that provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.
2. All students in Prep to Year 6 adhere to the School's Dress Code Policy.
3. The Dress Code Policy applies during school hours and when students are on school excursions or sporting activities (unless otherwise permitted by the Principal). Students not in full uniform may not be able to attend excursions.
4. The wearing of 'sun-smart' hats is compulsory from September to the end of April. Hats are not to be worn inside.
5. The Student Dress Code will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
6. The Principal is responsible for implementation of the Student Dress Code Policy.
7. The only logo permitted on all clothing is the school logo.

The 'Student Dress Code' consists of the following items:

WHOLE SCHOOL

Navy polo shirt with logo – short or long sleeve
Navy shorts, pants or tracksuit pants
Navy crew necked windcheater with logo
Navy bomber jacket with logo
Wide brimmed hat with logo – navy or gold
Tracksuit – open legged/cuffed

OPTIONAL

Full zip navy polar fleece jacket with embroidered school logo
Navy polar fleece jacket with school logo
Polar sleeve vest with school logo
Waterproof spray jacket with logo
Navy scarf
School bag with logo
Navy tights
Navy or white socks – no logo
Navy beanie with no logo
Gold or navy skivvy (to be worn under pinafore/tops)
House coloured TShirt with school logo and House name on the back.
Girls' navy skorts/culottes (above the knee)
Blue and white gingham dress
Navy bootleg pants
Navy detachable pinafore/winter tunic

Please note: leggings, navy skirts, sport nylon skorts and hoodies are not part of the school uniform and must not be worn.

Optional Wear – Year 6 Jacket (for current year, as approved by the Principal), to be worn by Year 6 students only.

Wide brimmed hats – September to April - all students in Prep to Year 6 are required to wear a hat. From 1st May – 31st August, beanies are permitted. These are not to be worn inside. *Beanies must be navy.*
All headwear, e.g. clips, headbands, etc. must be in school colours.
Baseball caps are not permitted.

Eyes - Sunglasses are able to be worn at own risk.

Jewellery - Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches, are the only acceptable jewellery, e.g. large hoops and earrings that dangle from the ear may not be worn, for safety reasons.

Cosmetics – Cosmetics may not be worn at school, unless for designated occasions, with the approval of the Principal.

Shoes - Shoes are to have enclosed toes. Runners or school shoes are permitted.

Hair – Hair that is shoulder length or longer is to be tied back.

Reviewed: May 2016

Ratified by School Council: 14th June 2016

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Updated: 9th March 2017



TEACHER PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS



In the Education State, we achieve excellence by consistently focusing on improving the achievements of learners across Victoria, whether it is through improving the quality of educational services or changing the way we teach.

The most important thing we can do to improve student outcomes is to develop and improve the skills of our teachers.

The Victorian Government will continue to provide opportunities to develop professional, passionate teachers and principals and equip them with the right knowledge and skills for a modern classroom.

To ensure we support the learning and development of not only our students, but our teachers too; we are committed to providing professional development opportunities for our teaching workforce.

WHAT ARE THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS?

As part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017, teachers will receive one day per term when they are out of the classroom to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR CHILD

Your child's teacher will spend four days per year further developing their skills in areas that are aligned to the school priorities. Your child will directly benefit from these improvements in their daily learning.

On these days, an alternate teacher will be provided with the learning plan for the day and be well equipped to assist your child with their learning needs.

We are scheduling the professional practice days ahead of time so there is minimal impact to students and, where possible, there is consistency in teaching.

If you would like more information on the professional practice days and when they are planned, please contact your School Principal.

2018 Photo Day

Envelope and Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Narre Warren North Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 26-02-2018

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**** IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 25-02-2018 ****

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: **Easy Access Link: [Click Here](#)**

- Click on this link if you are using a supported device
- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [8EH 1LZ HPB]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**** Online Orders will attract a \$1 service fee**

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online

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- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [8EH 1LZ HPB]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 25-02-2018
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

Step 1: **Student Details:** Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

Step 2: **Purchase Details:** Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: **Payment Method:** Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au

Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances

Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque

Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a \$25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries in regards to your child's school photo order.

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