



# NARRE WARREN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 3 – 1st March, 2018

## DIARY DATES

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March

'Getting to Know You' online bookings close at 3.30pm

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March

'Getting to know you' Parent/Teacher interviews

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

School Council election ballot papers to be submitted by 4.00pm

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March

Family Life Program for Grades 5 & 6 commences  
Grade 3 & 4 Camp Information Meeting for parents in the Multi-purpose Room at 3.50pm

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

Public Holiday – Labour Day

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

**Curriculum Day – No School**

School Council Public Meeting at 6.45pm and School Council Meeting to follow

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March

Family Life Program for Grades 5 & 6  
Leadership Conference for Student Leaders

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March

Divisional Swimming

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

Family Life Program for Grades 5 & 6

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

House Cross Country 11.30am to 1.30pm

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

End of Term 1  
2.30pm finish



## Principal Pen

### **Farewell Mrs Miller**

Last week we said goodbye to Mrs Robyn Miller. Robyn has taught for over 35 years. She taught at Narre Warren North PS from 1993 until last week, and 2 of her 3 children went to our school. The majority of Robyn's time at our school has been in the Literacy support role.

Robyn has always been passionate and committed to education and will be sorely missed at our school. She has been an outstanding role model and mentor to others and has made a huge difference in the lives of students and staff during her time at the school. We wish Robyn all the best for her retirement. Ms Laura Smith has been working with Robyn this term and will take over Robyn's role at our school.

### **Parents' and Friends' Club 2018**

I am very pleased to announce that we will be having a Parents' and Friends' Club this year. Our committee members consist of Justine Simonsen (President), Jamee Delosa (Treasurer), Michelle Zimmerle (Secretary), Alex Mclvor and Gayle Keys. If you are interested in being on this committee the next meeting is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am. If you are unable to attend meetings and would like to assist during the year in the organisation of events please contact our school and we will pass on your details to Justine. We value the assistance of our parents and appreciate the time and support given to the school to run our fundraising events. In the last few years the funds raised by the Parents' and Friends' Club have gone towards the wonderful shade sails that you can see around the school.

I would also like to thank Kris Finlay who has taken on the role of **Student Banking** this year. Kris will be working with Michelle Zimmerle in this role. Without these ladies we would not be able to have a school banking program.

### **School Council**

By now you would have received a ballot paper for the School Council Elections. If you are intending to vote please ensure that your form has been returned to school and is posted in the box by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm. After this time the votes will be counted. Election results will be published after votes have been tallied. I would like to thank the 5 parents who nominated for the 3 positions on Council. The new School Council will be meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> March after the Public Meeting at 6.45pm.

### **Teacher of the Week**

This is a new addition to our fortnightly newsletter and was the inspiration of one of our wonderful parents Jodie Simpson so that our parents could gain some insight into the teachers at our school. We thank Jodie for this great idea and for coming up with the proforma. This week you will be able to find out all about Mrs Lauren Schulz.

Connie vanderVoort  
Principal.

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## Teacher of the Week



<b>Name:</b> Mrs Lauren Schulz		<b>2018 Grade:</b> 5/6C	
What is your favourite:	<b>Colour:</b> Yellow & Black of course!	<b>Food:</b> Seafood or anything within reach really	<b>Book:</b> I don't have one favourite, I just love to read!
	<b>Footy Team:</b> Richmond Tigers	<b>School Subject:</b> Visual Arts/English	<b>Animal:</b> Dogs, little cute dogs that don't moult. Or Dobermans. So big dogs that sometimes moult.
<p><b>What is your favourite Book/Movie/TV character and why?</b> Any character that demonstrates resilience and perseverance, for example Harry Potter or Katniss Everdeen.</p>			
<p><b>Do you have a pet? If so, tell us about your pet:</b> I have a 2 year old son. Does that count?</p>			
<p><b>What do you like to do out of school?</b> I enjoy spending time with my very well behaved children and my husband.</p>			
<p><b>Tell us your favourite quote:</b> Only I can change my life, no one can do it for me. (Carol Burnett)</p>			

### Canteen News

Unfortunately Bellbrook Catering can no longer supply JJ Snacks as per your menu due to supplier issues. They have replaced these with Mamme Corntos Snack which is in fact a better product and stamped with a canteen approved emblem.

The ingredients are: Corn, edible oil, rice, cheese, flavour, sugar, salt, spice, dhall powder, tapioca starch and flavour enhancer. No preservatives, Gluten Free, No GM Ingredients.

These will be sold at the same price as the JJ Snacks were.

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## Reading Assessments

Teachers at our school conduct regular reading assessments with students throughout the year to determine which level books they should be taking home, as well as reading during class time. Each student is assessed a minimum of once per term, with some students being tested twice a term if necessary.

During Term 1, it is important for students to have time to settle into their new class and learn routines before teachers begin assessments. For this reason, it was a school decision to wait until March to begin reading assessments.

Students were assessed at the end of 2017 and these results have determined what level they start on this year. Any students who are new to the school this year have already been assessed.

Students are currently working on practising reading strategies that have been introduced to their class as part of the CAFÉ Reading Program. Teachers will begin to allocate individual reading strategies to students as they complete their assessments.

*Katherine Darbyshire*  
English Co-ordinator

## Scholastic Book Club

In 2018, our school will continue to take part in the Scholastic Book Club, which provides some excellent bargains on a range of reading material. Catalogues are distributed to students twice per term and include a range of products to suit pre-school aged children all the way through to teen readers.

Recently, Scholastic has changed their ordering procedures to make the process easier for parents. As such, **we cannot accept cash or cheques for Book Club orders.** Ordering needs to be done via credit card using the Book Club Loop at <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>. To ensure timely delivery of your order, it is best to send your child's teacher a quick email to let them know that you've placed an order so they can log in and 'approve' it.

*Katherine Darbyshire*  
English Co-ordinator

## **House Cross Country**

Our school's House Cross Country will be held on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 11.30am to 1.30pm.

Helpers with valid Working With Children Checks are needed for this event – if you can assist please add your name to the list at the office.

To make it more fun, students that are wearing white t-shirts will be squirted with a coloured powder. Students in house coloured or school polo shirts will not be squirted.

More details will be sent home soon.

Rachel Yue, Physical Education Teacher





## School Crossing Safety

There are over 60 Primary Schools in the City of Casey, serviced by over 240 school crossing supervisors. Over 35,000 students attend these schools each day, travelling by foot, private vehicles and public transport.

The City of Casey encourages drivers, parents and others responsible for children, to carefully read the information below to minimise the risk of accident or injury at and around school crossings.

### Why are school crossings important?

Young children do not have a well developed sense of danger. They also do not have well developed peripheral (side) vision or spatial sense. This makes it difficult for them to properly judge the safe time to cross a road. Supervised school crossings were formally introduced in the 1970s to protect children from this risk.

### Why do we need parking and traffic controls around school crossings?

Crossing supervisors need to have a clear field of vision in all directions around their crossing, so that they can spot approaching children and vehicles as soon as possible.

Because children are often very small, cars parked or stopped too close to crossings can completely obscure them from the view of supervisors and drivers. Coupled with children's limited ability to identify danger, this can create a very hazardous situation.

Parents and other people who are dropping off/picking up children also need reasonable access to parking for that purpose.

### What sorts of controls can I expect to find around schools?

A range of restrictions may apply according to the needs of the particular area. The following restrictions may apply at and around your school:

#### No stopping



*What does no stopping mean?*

No stopping means you cannot stop your vehicle for any purposes, no matter how short the time.

#### No parking



*What does no parking mean?*

No parking means that the area is a pick up/drop off zone and that you cannot leave your vehicle un-attended and you cannot be parked for more than 2 minutes.

#### Bus Zone



*What does bus zone mean?*

Bus zone means that this area is for buses only. You cannot stop there at all.

#### Disabled Parking



*What does disabled parking mean?*

Disabled parking means that only vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Person's parking permit may park in these spaces.

### As a driver what am I required to do around school crossings?

When approaching school crossings, slow down to 40km/h or less, watch for children and remember not to stop too close to the crossing. You **MUST** stop before the STOP LINE marked on the road once the stop sign is displayed to you

The crossing must be completely vacated of all pedestrians before proceeding, including the supervisor

Also watch for, and obey, the instructions of the School Crossing Supervisor.

Look for parking restriction signs and make sure to obey them or you may be fined

For further details call 9705 5200, log onto [www.casey.vic.gov.au](http://www.casey.vic.gov.au) or visit one of our customer service centres at Bunjil Place Narre Warren, or Centro Cranbourne.



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**Last Chance!**

to order  
your child's  
school photos

(without the late fees!)

Your school photo day has now passed and all students have been photographed regardless of purchase.

If you did not place an order but would like to,  
**it's not too late to order online.**

Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)  
and enter your school's unique code - this can be found  
on your most recent school newsletter

### My School Code

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**!! Please Note !!**

Online ordering is available up to 5 days after photo day and after this time, late fees will apply to all orders

Photo Day was 26/02/18

[info@advancedlifevic.com.au](mailto:info@advancedlifevic.com.au)

03 9852 1133

## PIANO/KEYBOARD LESSONS

Piano/Keyboard lessons are held in the Music Room on Thursday during lunch time and lesson time. These are organised in group format (4 to 5 students for ½ hour). If you prefer joint lessons or private lessons please let me know.

If you are interested in learning to play, please return this form to the office.

Costs include: Lesson fees payable by the term (discount offered for early payment);

Lesson book (including CD and Flashcards are \$39)

If you would like to talk to me more about this please telephone me on 9704 8269 or my mobile 0413 260 896, or email [jcpiano1978@gmail.com](mailto:jcpiano1978@gmail.com)

Joanne Clark, A.A.G.M.(T.Mus)

Name of student ..... Room No. ....

Parent/Guardian Signature .....Grade .....