



NARRE WARREN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 21 – 21st December, 2017

DIARY DATES

Friday, 22nd December

Assembly at 9.00am
Academic Awards
Attendance Awards
Farewell to Grade 6 students
Last day of school for 2017

1.00pm finish

No Lunch orders due to
early finish

Monday, 22nd January

Qkr! reopens for payments
Administration Office reopens

Tuesday, 30th January, 2018

School starts for Grade 1 to 6
students and half of the Grade
Prep students.

Wednesday, 31st January

The other half of Grade Prep
students start school

Friday, 2nd February

Lunch orders available

Thursday, 22nd February

District Swimming

Monday, 26th February

School Photos

Monday, 12th March

Public Holiday – Labour Day

Tuesday, 13th March

Curriculum Day – No School



Merry Christmas and
Best Wishes for 2018



Principal Pen

Last Friday Ms Catherine Andrews and Minister Luke Donnellan came to our assembly to present the Premiers' Reading Challenge awards. Below are some photos of this presentation. Also attached to the newsletter this week are the letters the Captains wrote to the Premier's office and Ms Andrews' speech.



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Farewell

As always at this time of the year, we say farewell to some of our families who are leaving Narre Warren North Primary School.

Best wishes also to our Grade 6 students as they move onto Secondary school.

We thank the following families for their contribution to our school community and wish them well for the future:

Baig, Banks, Barrett, Belfield, Bergwerf, Bull, Calderwood, Cassidy, Clarke (Lilly), Coghlan, Daggmarr, Ebenwaldner, Edwards, Franklin, Harris (Kayne), Jones, Kallio, Kresa, Kristalyn, Lunder, Macgraw, Moore, Nedovic, O'Donnell, Porto, Sheppard, Stanway, Tanner, Thomas (Brody), Thomas (Jessica), Varacalli and Wright (Zoe),

2018 House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who will be our 2018 House Captains:

Rae House Captains (Red)	Abbey A Jack S
Kerr House Captains (Blue)	Dakota K Austin F
Troup House Captains (Yellow)	Molly G Cooper M
Robinson House Captains (Green)	Mia H Montanna D

Our Captains Pledge ceremony will be at the first assembly in 2018 for all newly appointed captains.

End of Term

This will be our last newsletter for 2017. A reminder that the end of term assembly will be tomorrow at 9am and that school will conclude at 1.00pm

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for their ongoing support this year. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

*Connie vanderVoort,
Principal*

SPEECH NOTES – CATHERINE ANDREWS

Premiers' Reading Challenge Presentation
Narre Warren North Primary School
15 December 2017

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet and to pay my respects to their Elders – past, present and emerging.

I would also like to acknowledge my colleague and friend, Minister Luke Donnellan, who I know is such a good friend of this school.

I'd like to thank Principal vanderVoort, Ms Darbyshire (Premiers' Reading Challenge Coordinator) and the staff for welcoming me here today –

James, Sara, Jayden and Sienna (2017 school leaders) for their beautiful letters –

And most particularly, thank you – the students here at Narre Warren North Primary School.

Thank you for doing such a fantastic job in this year's Premiers' Reading Challenge.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank your parents, grandparents, carers, brothers and sisters Anyone who helped reach this fantastic result.

For two years running, every single student at Narre Warren North has put their hand up to be a part of the Challenge.

This year, all 342 students participated.

And between you, you managed to read a remarkable 12,290 books.

(Just imagine how many thousands of pages, and millions of words that would be.)

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Now, reading is really important for your future – you all know that.
It helps set each of us on a path for success in learning, and in life.
And just as reading broadens our horizons, it broadens our imaginations too.
Whether it's casting a spell with Harry Potter –
Exploring the Australian bush with Hush the Possum –
Or making friends with Max and the Wild Things –
More than just paper and ink –
Reading allows us to see through another's eyes – while at the same time, opening our own.
Just as Dr Seuss wrote:
You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.
Before we present the certificates, I'd like to wish you the very best for the rest of the school year.
Just as importantly, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a fantastic summer holiday.
I hope you return next year refreshed, relaxed and ready for another Reading Challenge.
Thank you.
Ms Andrews

School Captain Letters

Hon Daniel Andrews

Office of the Premier
1 Treasury Place
Melbourne, 3002
Dear Mr. Andrews,

My name is Sara Aceski and I am School Captain at Narre Warren North Primary School. On behalf of our school, we would like to invite you come to present awards for the Reading Challenge.

My whole school has completed the reading challenge for two years in a row. It has been a lot of fun doing the challenge. Since prep, I have been doing the Premiers' Reading Challenge and I have read 100 books every year. I must admit, I am a bookworm! I am sure that heaps of other students have enjoyed doing the challenge over their time at school as well.

It was very fun coming up with strategies for everyone to complete the challenge. Last year, the previous grade sixes read to all of the classes and added that book to their list. This year, we set up a program called 'Read and Feed'. We would choose a teacher to read to us and then we would add that book to our list.

In 2016, everyone completed the challenge. 334 students completed the challenge and 11,652 books were read. This year, 342 students did the challenge and 12,290 books were read. As you can see, we are all pretty keen readers! Our school has been doing the challenge for 7 years in a row and it has opened up a world of imagination in our minds.

Our whole school would very much appreciate if you or your delegate would come.

Sincerely,

Sara A

Dear Mr. Andrews,

My name is James Calderwood and I am one of the School Captains from Narre Warren North PS and I am here representing my school. I have written this letter addressed to you to let you know that at my school we have officially completed the Premier's Reading Challenge at 100% for 2 years in a row.

Narre Warren North is very proud of its reading accomplishments, and was hoping we could get a respectable man like yourself to present us with our awards at one of our assemblies. The first time we had 100% was in 2016 when 334 children completed the Challenge with 11,652 books read. Then this year we had 342 participants with 12,290 books read. Our school has participated in this Challenge for 7 years in a row now.

Personally I have been doing the Premier's Reading Challenge for 5 years and have really enjoyed it every year. Me and all of my friends have taken up a passion for reading all because of the Challenge. All of our teachers urge us to keep reading our books and logging them in every day, and for our efforts I think that it would be lovely if you could come to our school and present us with our special certificates.

Yours sincerely,

James C

Dear Mr. Andrews,

My name is Jayden Bryan, and I am the School Vice Captain for Narre Warren North Primary School. My school welcomes you to come and present some awards to our school.

These awards are for the Premiers' Reading Challenge. Our school has completed this 2 years in a row, 100% each time. In 2016, 334 students participated in the Challenge and 11,652 books were read. This year in 2017, 342 students participated in the Reading Challenge and 12,290 books were read. This is more than enough books needed. Our school has done the Premiers' Reading Challenge for 7 years straight.

We would read every day for 15 minutes and once we finish the book we would log the book that we finished. Our teachers would make sure that we completed the Challenge. If the children hadn't they would need to read some more.

Our school hopes that you can come and present these awards. It would be an honour.

Yours Sincerely,

Jayden B

Dear Mr. Andrews,

My name is Sienna Bull and I am the School Vice Captain for this year. On behalf of the students and teachers, we would like to have you here at our school, Narre Warren North Primary School, to present some awards. The classes at my school have all completed the challenge at 100% for two years in a row.

Our school has participated in Premier's Reading Challenge for about 7 years. In 2016, 334 students participated in the reading challenge. There were 11,652 books read, and that's a lot! This year, 2017, 342 students participated and there were 12,290 books read.

Classroom teachers have encouraged their classes to finish reading their library books and log them into the challenge website. They have made time in their day to let students log their books in. If they don't have a computer at home, then that is a great privilege to be able to do it at school.

Best regards,

Sienna B

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Little Possums Playgroup

Thank you to all the children and families who attended our Little Possums Playgroup this year. A big thank you to our student helpers Mia, Abbey, Chantel, Shalisa and Chloe who came in to assist with the playgroup over recess. For any information about the playgroup please speak to someone at the office or Miss Laura Smith who is coordinating the program again next year.



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Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal



This term the Junior School Council has organised our school's participation in the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal. The JSC thinks that this is a great charity to be involved in as we think everyone should be happy at Christmas. The Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal doesn't only give presents to children, we can donate presents for adults, elderly people and anyone who is having a hard time at Christmas. We will be collecting presents right up until the last day of the term. If you wish to help us donate please send your presents to Miss Hogan's room, she will have tags to be attached. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. All gifts need to be received by Friday morning. Thank you to all our families that have contributed to this worthwhile cause.

By Avril and Josiah JSC members.

Lost Property

If anyone is missing a soft shell school jacket with polar fleece lining, sunglasses or a child's pair of glasses, please contact the office.

Grade 6 Jacket

One of our students has lost his Grade 6 jacket and would appreciate if everyone could check at home and school to make sure they don't have it amongst their uniform items. It is named – Brody T.

Camp Australia Holiday Program

If you need your children cared for during the holidays – please visit the website below to find locations near you and to book:

www.campastralia.com.au/holidayfun

First Aid News - Medication

Families who are leaving, please collect any medication from the office tomorrow.



Fun with Water Day!

Tuesday, January 23rd

10:00am to 1:00pm

Narre North Uniting Church

*Come along and learn a few interesting
facts about water.*

Enjoy a Sausage Sizzle Lunch

Play Games and get Wet!

To register or enquiries

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END OF YEAR TRADING 2017

DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10 th CLOSED	11 th OPEN 9am - 5pm	12 th OPEN 9am - 5pm	13 th OPEN 9am - 5pm	14 th OPEN 9am - 5pm	15 th OPEN 9am - 5pm	16 th OPEN 9am - 1pm
17 th CLOSED	18 th OPEN 9am - 5pm	19 th OPEN 9am - 5pm	20 th OPEN 9am - 5pm	21 st OPEN 9am - 5pm	22 nd OPEN 9am - 2pm LAST DAY TERM 4	23 rd CLOSED
24 th CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE	25 th CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	26 th CLOSED BOXING DAY	27 th CLOSED	28 th CLOSED	29 th CLOSED	30 th CLOSED
31 st CLOSED						

JANUARY 2018

	1 st CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY	2 nd OPEN 9am - 5pm	3 rd OPEN 9am - 5pm	4 th OPEN 9am - 5pm	5 th OPEN 9am - 5pm	6 th OPEN 9am - 1pm
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