



NARRE WARREN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 12 – 3rd August, 2017

DIARY DATES

Monday, 7th August

Parent Opinion Survey emailed to randomly selected parents

Monday, 14th August

Whole School & Graduation photos

Tuesday, 15th August

Last day for District Athletics payments – selected students

Last day for Grades 3 & 4 Wheeltalk Basketball Incursion payments

School Council – 7.00pm

Thursday, 17th August

Dr. Seuss Dress Up Day

Monday, 21st August

District Athletics for selected students

21st to 25th August

Book Week

Monday, 28th August

Wheeltalk Basketball Incursion for Grades 3 & 4

28th August to 1st September

Literacy & Numeracy Week

Thursday, 31st August

Fathers' Day Stall

Monday, 4th September

School Production rehearsal

Tuesday, 5th September

School Production Performances at 5.30pm and 7.30pm

Wednesday, 6th September

Curriculum Day – No School

Thursday, 7th September

Great Book Swap

Tuesday, 19th September

Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion finishes



School Council President and Principal Pen

School Council President's Report

As School Council President, I had the unique privilege of attending the 2 day School Review which was also attended by the Education Department staff, a couple of nearby school principals, our teaching leadership team and of course our Principal Connie vanderVoort and Assistant Principal Ben Zimmerle.

This is the first Review I have attended and went into it not really understanding what it was all about, which I am sure most parents would be in the same boat. A School Review is conducted every four years and it is basically a review of the previous 4 year Strategic Plan, which is a document prepared by the school and approved by the Department, assessing if we have met our goals as set out in that document; as well as creating the next 4 year plan in relation to our school curriculum, in line with the Education Department requirements. Due to the Department wanting to re-align dates for Reviews, we were actually doing this review only 2 years into our 4 year Strategic Plan.

The first day was basically deconstructing all of the work the teaching faculty had put in place to achieve the goals required under the past Strategic Plan, where our students currently sat in the Victorian Curriculum and what we were doing to achieve better outcomes for all students.

The second day was setting the goals for the next 4 years with a focus on Writing, continuing with our Reading and Spelling Programs, as well as a continued focus on Student Voice and Feedback, Kids Matter Mental Health and Wellbeing Programs, communication with the community and documentation of a whole school instructional model for curriculum.

As School Council President I was really proud to be part of a school who works so hard to achieve greatness, but more so, as a parent I was absolutely blown away listening to how hard the teachers work and the detail they put into each and every student. These teachers are working late most nights, improving their professional development in their own time in order to bring our children the best, most up to date strategies to help them be the best student they can be. Not all children are academically minded, but working individually with each and every one of them to ensure they are kicking their own goals was outstanding. These teachers are putting their hearts and souls into our children and their learning, and that was evident listening to them speak. The entire faculty should be highly commended on the great work already achieved and all the work they continue to implement. The Department Reviewer voiced a number of times during the 2 day Review how impressed she was with our little school and how proud we should all be to be part of something so special.

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Well done Connie, Ben, Katherine Darbyshire, Raina Rydberg, Tiffany Kumnick and Amy Nash who attended the Review and knocked my socks off with your knowledge, passion and enthusiasm to educate, I really take my hat off to all of you for a sensational job. Also to the rest of the teaching staff who everyday do what you do, without ever expecting any thanks for your efforts. Maybe next time you are visiting your child's class room, don't forget to thank those teachers for their efforts, because I have seen firsthand there is so much more they do behind the scenes to help engage our children and make learning more enjoyable.

Cathy Maher, School Council President

School Review

I would sincerely like to thank Cathy Maher for her feedback to the school community on our School Review and for her participation on the 2 Review Panel days. This was a huge commitment and very much appreciated by our school.

As Cathy has mentioned, and I would like to reiterate, throughout the 2 days Anne Nicholls our Reviewer, our Senior Advisor and other Principals often commented on how far we have come and what has been achieved in our strategic plan in only 2.5 years of work. I would like to congratulate our staff, students and parents for your commitment to our wonderful school. Without us all working in partnership our goals for our 'old' School Strategic Plan (SSP) would not have been successful. I would also like to thank the students and parents who were part of the forums at the end of last term. Your feedback was discussed on the panel days and taken into consideration for our next School Strategic Plan

Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, about 30 per cent of parents (103) will be invited to participate. The survey will be online and all responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. *If you are one of the selected participants you will receive an email next Monday asking you to participate.* We would appreciate you completing this for our school. It can be accessed from **Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August**. Survey results will be sent back to our school at the end of September.

2018 enrolments

To help us with planning for 2018 we are asking families with siblings who will be starting Grade Prep in 2018 to enrol as soon as possible. Also if your child is leaving our school at the end of the year could you please let the office know.

*Connie vanderVoort,
Principal*

DR SEUSS DRESS UP DAY!!

We hope that students from across the school will join the Preps in dressing up as a Dr Seuss character. In Week 5, we will be learning about the /th/ digraph. To make a memory of this, the Prep teachers will be dressing up as 'Thing 1 and Thing 2'.

We invite everyone to dress up as their favourite Dr Seuss character on **Thursday 17th August 2017**.

We are looking forward to seeing your costumes!

Thank you for your participation.

Miss Nash, Miss Connell and Miss Coon.
Prep Teachers

Great Book Swap

On **Thursday 7th September**, Narre Warren North Primary School will be holding a '**Great Book Swap**'. The Great Book Swap is an initiative run by The Indigenous Literacy Foundation and the Australian Book Industry with the support of other organisations.

Children are asked to bring one picture book to school that is appropriate for their age and in good condition on **Thursday 7th September**. They will be given the opportunity to swap their book for another, within their level (Prep, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6), with **a gold coin donation**. The money raised will be used to provide remote Indigenous communities with books with the aim of 'lifting literacy levels and instilling a lifelong love of reading' (Indigenous Literacy Foundation).

Make sure you visit our fundraising page via this link:

https://indigenouliteracyfoundation.secure.force.com/CICD_Fundraise?id=701A0000001IwwW

You will receive a reminder about bringing a book to school closer to Thursday 7th September. We thank you for your support.

Amy Nash.

Little Possums Playgroup



Our Little Possums Playgroup has started back this term with our biggest enrolment yet of 18 Little Possums. We have had more enquires about joining, so we are considering adding another playgroup session on a Wednesday if we get enough participants. If anyone is interested in coming along next term could you please let the office or Miss Smith know as soon as possible so we can determine if another session would be valuable to our community. The times of the sessions will be determined if there is enough interest.

In your reply to the office or Miss Smith could you please include the following:

Name:

Child's Name:

Child's Date of Birth:

What time would suit you to run the playgroup?

Is there any younger siblings who will attending? If so, please include names and their birth dates.

Your Email address:

Thank you.

Laura Smith's email: smith.laura.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Parents' and Friends' Club

Entertainment Books

The Entertainment Books are still available for purchase at a cost of \$70. A sample is available at our school office. To order your book or your digital membership online, please visit www.entbook.com.au/183x955 or cash payments can be made at our school office.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 15th August at 9.15am. New members welcome!

Tamara Bush, President

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KidsMatter Primary is a flexible, whole-school approach to improving children's mental health and wellbeing for primary schools.

Through KidsMatter Primary, schools undertake a process in which they plan and take action to be a positive community; one that is founded on respectful relationships and a sense of belonging and inclusion, and that promotes:

- social and emotional learning (including evidence-based social and emotional learning programs)
- working authentically with parents, carers and families
- support for students who may be experiencing mental health difficulties.

When schools take on KidsMatter, they build on the work that they are already doing in these areas.

Last year NWNPS worked through Component 1 of the framework: Building a positive school community. This year we are focusing on Component 2: Social and Emotional Learning for students.

Social and emotional learning is about developing the ability to care for others, make responsible decisions, establish positive relationships, and handle challenging situations. (*Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, 2003*)

This component looks at the best ways of teaching social and emotional skills for all students. **The diagram below explains the 5 Social and Emotional Competencies that help students to develop their social and emotional learning.**



We will keep you updated on our progress in this area. Please see me if you have any questions in regards to the KidsMatter Framework.

Raina Rydberg
Student Wellbeing Coordinator/Grade 1 Teacher

Earn & Learn is on again!

26 July to 19 September

Earn & Learn works like this – if our school community sticks together and earns Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers, we can redeem these stickers for our choice of educational resources for our school!

Anyone in the community can help our school, so ask your relatives, friends and neighbours to help. Here's how:

1. Shop at your nearest Woolworths - Earn one Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker for every \$10 spent at Woolworths.
2. Attach the stickers to a Sticker Sheet available at the school office or download and print a Sticker Sheets from woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
3. Once complete - drop the Sticker Sheet into the Collection box at the front of the office by 19th September.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. For more information visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Thank you for your support.

Claire Mutschler
Junior School Council Coordinator

Whole School and Graduation Photos – Monday, 14th August

Our whole school photo is scheduled for Monday, 14th August weather permitting. Whole school photo envelopes were distributed earlier this week. If you would like to order a photo, please refer to the photo payment instructions attached to the email. Please wear correct school uniform. Sport polo shirts can be brought to school to wear after the photo.

The Grade 6 graduation photo will also be taken on this day, so please ensure that students have their Grade 6 jackets with them.

Canteen

There have been two new products added to the canteen list. The new products are chicken breast nuggets and party pies. The new canteen list is attached to the email.

House Athletics

Students in Grades 3 to 6 attended Casey Fields on Friday 21st July to participate in our annual House Athletics Carnival. We were incredibly lucky that the rain stayed away! It was great to see all the students giving their best effort in each event! The overall house points for the day were fairly close but in the end it was Robinson in 1st place, Troup in 2nd place, Kerr in 3rd place and Rae in 4th place. The results from this day help form our team which competes at the District Athletics Carnival on Monday 21st August. As always a huge thanks to all the parents and the Hallam Secondary College students that helped out on the day!

Thanks, Miss Yue

NARRE WARREN NORTH UNITING CHURCH

Art and Craft Exhibition

Included will be art work by the children
from the Narre Warren North Primary School.

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST

1 Main Street, Narre Warren North.

1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

**Gold coin donation please
(children free)**

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National Tree Day

On Friday the 28th of July it was National Tree Day, members of the junior school took part in planting a variety of flowers and herbs in the school garden. We would like to thank all of the students who helped prepare the garden for planting and those who participated on Friday. We would also like to thank Nicki from Fountain Gate Bunnings for her help in selecting the plants and soil. The Environment Club is in need of more potting mix (Osmocote brand) for our school garden. Any donations would be appreciated.



Junior Cricket Registration

We are currently seeking interest and applications for the upcoming cricket season.

Registration Day Friday 18th August 5:00pm – 7:00pm

At Narre North Recreation Reserve, 203 Belgrave-Hallam Rd, Narre Warren North

Players for age groups Under 11, Under 13, & Under 15

Also seeking interest for Milo T20 Blast

Girls – this includes you. MORE than welcome, and encouraged to play.

Under 11's play Friday evenings (must be under 11 years old as at 01/09/2017)

All other age groups Saturday mornings, and must be under 13 or 15 as at 01/09/2017

For more information, and to express interest, please contact

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