



NARRE WARREN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 20 – 7th December, 2017



DIARY DATES

Friday, 8th December

Assembly at 9.00am

Last day for the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre excursion payments – Grade 6

Saturday, 9th December

Narre Warren North
Carols by Candlelight
Bert Rae Reserve - see details

Monday, 11th December

Morning Tea for Parent Helpers
11.00am in the Multi-purpose
Room

Last day for Student School
Banking and Reward Requests –
but no guarantees they can be
supplied this year

Tuesday, 12th December

School Council

Thursday, 14th December

Grade 6 Graduation evening
6.00 to 9.00pm

Friday, 15th December

Assembly – Time to be advised

Monday, 18th December

Melbourne Sports & Aquatics
Centre excursion for Grade 6
students

Friday, 22nd December

Assembly at 9.00am

Last day of school for 2017
1.00pm finish – please note
change of time

Tuesday, 30th January, 2018

School recommences 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



Principal Pen

There will be a short assembly tomorrow to announce the House Captains for 2018.

Premiers' Reading Challenge Certificates

You may recall a few weeks ago in the newsletter that the School Captains wrote a letter to the Premier asking if a representative could come to our school to present the Premiers' Reading Challenge certificates to our students as we had 100% completion. I am pleased to announce that Ms Catherine Andrews will be visiting us to present these awards to our students. This may or may not be at our usual assembly time next Friday. Once a date and time have been confirmed we will email our school community to let you know just in case you would like to be at the assembly.

Student Learning

This week I was invited to visit the Grade 1/2 and 5/6 classrooms to see their wonderful work on display. The Grade 1/2 students have creatively designed 'rooms' using cardboard boxes and recyclable materials. The children were able to explain what they were learning and the features of their rooms. This was outstanding work.

Grade 5/6 participated in a Literacy Showbag Expo yesterday. Over the term they participated and completed various activities related to a novel that they had read. I was extremely impressed with this work, in particular the letter that they wrote where students outlined text to self, text to text and text to world connections.

Farewell and best wishes

Tomorrow is Tiffany Kumnick's last day with us for the time being. Tiffany is going on family leave from today to have her baby early in the new year. We wish her and her husband all the best in this new exciting time in their lives.

Teresa Burridge is taking 12 months leave in 2018 to pursue other interests; Cindy Requin is also taking leave next year and Matt Brown is going to another school in 2018 as we are having a Science rather than a Performing Arts specialist in 2018. Monty Ferreira, our Chaplain is also leaving to pursue his career. He has written an article elsewhere in the newsletter.

We wish all of these staff well in their future endeavours and thank them for their hard work and commitment to the students at Narre Warren North Primary School.

We welcome to our school the following teachers who will be joining us in 2018 – Doug Rankin (Science specialist), Natalie Tyson and Stephanie Barker. A new chaplain will also be appointed to our school in February.

2018 School Leaders

Congratulations to:

Jemma S and Layla H – School Captains; and
Shalisa H and Jamie W – School Vice Captains, for 2018

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current School Captains, James C and Sara A; and School Vice Captains, Jayden B and Sienna B for their outstanding work and commitment to their roles this year. I am very proud of what they have accomplished. They have done an amazing job!! Congratulations also to the House Captains for their enthusiasm and commitment to their role in 2017.

Grades for 2018

Next year there will be 15 grades. Grade structure for 2018 will be as follows:

3 x Grade Preps.

2 x Grade 1; 1 Grade x 1/2 and 2 x Grade 2 classes

2 x Grade 3 and 2 x Grade 4 classes

3 x Grade 5/6 classes.

Preparation of the 2018 grades has been a very lengthy process. In building the grades, teachers have taken into account a number of factors, such as academic ability, friendship groups, behaviour, class size, and gender.

On Wednesday 20th of December your child/children will find out their grades and teachers for 2018. Next week all students will participate in our whole school Transition Program. You can help them by building your child's resilience with some positive talk about the importance of developing friendships and building relationships with new people. With so many factors we have had to consider, to make these grades balanced, we have aimed to provide your child with at least one friend. If your child is in a grade with more than one friend then that is good luck and not by design. Children cannot be easily moved from one grade to another without upsetting the balance for a number of children. Making changes from now on will require a significant reason as any changes affect other students as well.

Thank You Morning Tea

On Monday 11th December a special morning tea will be held for the parents and community members who assisted in our school in 2017 at 11am in the MPR. If you have assisted in any way in our school, it would be great to see you there. To allow for catering we would appreciate it if you could reply using the following link by 8th December 2017.

<https://goo.gl/forms/2zNYAKjnFbyTphZw2>

Student Banking

Thank you to Michelle Zimmerle and Nicole Topliff for giving up their time to process the student banking each week. We greatly appreciate the service you have provided.

Connie vanderVoort, Principal

Dear NWNPS Community,

At this time of the year there are often mixed emotions going around in our lives – excitement (over Christmas), stress (also over Christmas), relief as the year finally draws to a close, sadness, happiness, and many more. This is no less true for me as I have some news to share with you all. This will be my final year at Narre North. It has been a long-time dream and goal of mine to be an Australian Defence Force Chaplain. Starting next year I will be ministering in a church for 2 years as part of my training for Defence Chaplaincy, then after that I will head to a RAAF Base to complete that training. It is a bitter-sweet moment for me as I have loved helping, encouraging, and supporting the students throughout my 3 years here, but at the same time I am excited for what the journey ahead will bring. I would like to take this time to also thank you for accepting me so warmly into your community and for entrusting your children and their wellbeing to me through the Chaplaincy program provided by CHIPS. It has been an amazing journey and I will genuinely miss everyone I worked with and alongside. Lastly, I wish you all the best for the years to come, and may you all have a joyful and refreshing Christmas and New Year break.

Warmest regards,
Monty.

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Parents' and Friends' Club

Cook Book Fundraiser

Our cookbooks have arrived and look great! Thank you to everyone for their recipe contributions. There is a sample available for viewing at the office. It would make an amazing Christmas present for friends and family so you can order as many as you like but please don't miss out!

Icy Poles

During Term 4 the Parents' and Friends' Club are selling lemonade icy poles on Wednesdays at lunchtime for \$1.00.

Tamara Bush, President

'Aussies of the Month' – Grade Prep

Congratulations to our recent 'Aussie of the Month' recipients from Grade Prep.

Cooper B – Prep A

*Hey, hey if you haven't guessed I'm here to say.
That I'm the Aussie of the month for Prep A
You see I work really hard all the time
And my smile makes my face really shine.*

*I come to school prepared and ready to learn
And I always know how to share and wait my turn.
I'm always listening to the work and ask questions
Just something I thought that I should mention*

*No doubt I'm always friendly with a positive attitude
I appreciate the small things, yes I'm full of gratitude
I always offer others my help and support
And I'm sure Miss Connell will write that in my report!*

*I'm resilient and responsive to change and I'm proud about that
And I love to play out with friends and I look pretty cool in my hat!
I always try my best in class and I work really hard
But once again I like to play with the ball outside in the yard.*

*I'm enthusiastic in every way no matter what the task,
And I will help you no matter what you only need to ask
I always like to see my friends and others always happy
And I will get to work straight away I really am quite snappy.*

*I know you must be thinking what is this silly game?
I standing here talking to you and I haven't even told you my name!
Well I'm a boy and many will think that I am pretty super
Guess what Prep A's Aussie of the month it's no doubt I'm Cooper!*

Lily S – Prep B

*It is a very special time, in our class of Prep B,
For our teachers have decided which of us has been extraordinary.
I am a person who loves to read, write and play,
As I enter the classroom, with enthusiasm and happiness every single day!
Throughout the year I have approached my learning with the upmost of care,
And when I have learnt something new, I always love to share.
Learning intentions and success criteria are something I get,
And whilst some of the work can be a challenge, it's not something to fret.*

*I am kind, friendly and supportive, this is true,
This is just the sort of thing that I always like to do.
I'm in the school house yellow but my favourite colour might be pink,
I hope this helps you all to guess and have a think,*

*I will probably grow up to work in the field of Science,
As this is where I feel I have the most confidence.
You all don't know who it is, really?
Well it is the one and only Prep B's, Lily*

Savanna P – Prep C

*A Prep student who rarely complains,
You must think I am simply insane.
Mature beyond her years, yes,
Always working hard to impress.*

*A Prep student who is super independent,
Credit must go to her and her parents.
Hard working is an understatement that is for sure,
What I mean is determined, motivated and always ready for more.*

*A Prep student who is kind, caring and helpful, that sounds right,
But someone who puts herself before others, well that seems out of sight.
Compliments are a plenty for her friends, family and teachers,
Her compliment bucket is so full, all the way to the moon it reaches.*

*You must be wondering who it is by now,
Look out for the yellow bandana,
Prep C's Aussie of the Month is Savanna!*

Raina Rydberg, Student Wellbeing Coordinator



Narre Warren North Community's Carols by Candlelight

Saturday, 9th December

Sausage Sizzle – 6.30pm

Carols – 7.15pm (including our school's choir)

Santa – 8.00 to 8.30pm

\$5.00 family or \$2.00 single

(includes drinks, lollies, sausages, program, glow stick and
a great night of entertainment)

Please note: trucks for the carols will be arriving Friday afternoon
which may affect the use of the car park next to Bert Rae Reserve.

Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal



This term the Junior School Council is organising 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 Thursday, 21st December.

By Avril and Josiah JSC members.

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Sports News

School Swimming Program

The swimming program is part of the PE curriculum and the main purpose is to ensure that students have the skills to keep themselves safe in the water. Secondly it aims to develop and enhance their swimming strokes at an entry level that will allow them to enter competitive swimming if they wish. We are aware that while we have many students that attend swimming lessons outside of school and at various swimming centres, there will always be some variation in the way strokes are taught and what is required at each swimming level. This year some parents complained to the pool staff rather than to the classroom teachers about the program. If any parents still have any concerns about the swimming program could you please contact Rachel Yue or Connie vanderVoort about your concerns. Next year we would appreciate parents initially making contact with your classroom teacher who can follow up any issues with the pool on behalf of the school community or individual students.

Outstanding Achievement

We have been advised by Judo Victoria that one of our students has competed at the recent 2017 State Shiai Championships. Dylan G in Grade 3/4D obtained third place in the JVI judo competition. This is a great achievement and JVI is confident that he will continue to improve his judo skills.

Connie vanderVoort and Rachel Yue

Lost Property

A reminder to name all items of school uniform so they can be returned to your children promptly. Thank you to Justine Simonsen who regularly clears out our lost property and distributes all the named items to the appropriate students. If you have recently lost any items without a name, please call at the office by tomorrow, otherwise they will be given to the op shop to sell for our school.

Jacket

If anyone is missing a soft shell school jacket with polar fleece lining, 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 on the last day that your child will be attending.

Lunch Orders

Bellbrook Catering would like to inform you that your last canteen day for 2017 is Friday, 15th December.

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