



NAREENA HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Week 10, Term 4

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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 11 December	- Jamberoo Excursion Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 11 December	- S2 End of Year Excursion - Greater Union Cinemas
Tuesday 11 December	- Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Party Day - School
Wednesday 12 December	- Walking Bus Student Orientation Session 2.00pm Library
Wednesday 12 December	- Christmas Sing-a-long Assembly 2.10 pm
Thursday 13 December	- Kinder 2013 Playtime Morning
Friday 14 December	- Gold Award Morning Tea
Monday 17 December	- Final Assembly Presentation Day
Monday 17 December	- Year 6 Dinner & Disco
Tuesday 18 December	- Have-A-Go Show
Tuesday 18 December	- Salvation Army Gift Appeal
Tuesday 18 December	- Gold Award Morning Tea
Wednesday 19 December	- Last day for students
Tuesday 29 January	- Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 30 January	- Year's 1-6 first day back
Monday 4 February	- Kinders first day
Friday 8 February	- Swimming Carnival - Uni Pool

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



2013 Classes

The teachers of Nareena Hills Public School have been carefully placing students into classes for 2013. The process is very lengthy, involved and many factors are carefully considered.

Unfortunately due to ever-changing numbers I cannot tell parents what class their child will be in next year. At this stage we have formed 13 classes, but if we lose a couple of students to other schools we may have to restructure to 12 classes.

For this reason students at Nareena Hills Public school will be going back into their 2012 classes for a short period of time when they return to school on Wednesday 30 January 2013. Once numbers are confirmed students will be placed into their 2013 classes. Students will meet their 2012 teachers in the COLA.

In primary schools, class structures are determined by numbers of students in each grade. The school is then allocated teaching staff based on these numbers.

In 2012, we have had across Stage composites: (K/1, 2/3 F, 4/5K, 4/5M) and we have also had a Stage composite (1/2T) as well as some straight classes (K, 1, 2).

I can confirm that there will be a mixture of straight and Stage based composite classes in 2013. This is similar to the class structures of 2012.

Some parents have indicated that they do not want their children placed in composite classes. Unfortunately this request cannot be met as some of our classes will be composite classes.

Teachers at Nareena Hills Public School are experienced in teaching composite classes. Our staff work in stage based teams and plan together. The formation of our classes helps consistency between classes as it facilitates team planning and children benefit from the joint expertise of staff. Stage teams often group children across classes or teach different lessons to deepen the learning of students (e.g. rotational groups).

I ask parents that you trust the professional judgement of the teachers at Nareena Hills Public School regarding class placement of your child.

Semester 2 Reports.

Reports will be sent home with all students this afternoon. Please take some time to celebrate your child's successes and join us in congratulating them on their efforts this semester. If you would like to discuss your child's report please contact your child's teacher to make a mutually convenient time for an interview.

Library Stocktake

Over the past two weeks, Mrs Relf has been busy in the library doing a stocktake of all of our library books. If anyone still has any library books at home, could you please send them in to school as soon as possible so that the stocktake can be finalised.

Presentation Assembly Reminder - 17 December 2012

The annual Presentation Assembly will take place in the school hall next Monday 17 December from 9:30am. We hope that many of you are able to come along to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students this year. Parents of students receiving awards have all been notified by mail. As always we ask that this remains a surprise for your children.

Assembly times are as follows:

- 9:30 – 10:15 Presentation of K-2 Awards. Parents of K-2 students invited to attend. At the conclusion of the assembly parents of K-2 students leave.



- 10:30 – 11:30 am presentation of 3- 6 awards. Parents of 3-6 students invited to attend.
- Midday – Year 6 Farewell. Parents of Year 6 students invited to attend.

Unfortunately we can't recognise every student at this assembly so I would like to thank all students for their outstanding efforts this year and congratulate them on their personal achievements in 2012.

Year 6 Farewell

As the year draws to a close it comes time to say farewell to our Year 6 students. To help celebrate this important milestone, the Year 6 Farewell will be held in the school hall on Monday 17 December. Many thanks to Miss Gibson and Mrs Cherubini for coordinating the Year 6 Farewell. I sincerely hope that all our graduating students enjoy their special day, dinner and disco!

Platinum Awards

It is my pleasure to announce that Dalton and Roarke will receive a platinum award at the Annual School Assembly to be held on Monday 17 December. Congratulations to these students for their constant modelling of the values of our school.

Mrs Bradley has indicated that she will retire at the end of 2012. Fortunately for us Mrs Bradley has indicated that she would like to come back and work on a casual basis sometime throughout the year. I would like to formally acknowledge the wonderful contribution that Mrs Bradley has

made not only to Nareena Hills Public School but to the education of the many students that have had the great fortune of having Mrs Bradley as their teacher. Her calm, caring, nurturing personality will be greatly missed.

We are in the process of finalising our staffing for next year and at this stage not all positions have been filled. I would like to thank the outstanding work of Mrs Vanessa Bradford, Miss Amy Sciberras, Miss Amie Gibson, Mrs Evelyn Gray and Mrs Stacey McPhee.

Next year we will welcome some new teachers to our school. Mrs Kiri Stone and Mr Ashley Haines will join our staff in 2013.

Assembly

This week's assembly is a Christmas Assembly and it will start at 2:10 pm. As this is the final Assembly for 2012 all Gold and Silver Awards will be given out at this assembly. Children can wear Christmas theme mufti e.g. Christmas T-Shirts, Santa Hats etc.

Last Day for Students 2012

The last day for students is Wednesday 19 December 2012.

First Day for Students 2013

Students in Years 1 – 6 return to school on Wednesday 30 January 2013.

Kindergarten students will come to school on their allocated day (30, 31 January and 1 February) to complete the Best Start Assessment. They will then return home with their parents.

Kindergarten students start school on Monday 4 February 2013.

Giselle Coltman

Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Gold Certificate status-



Emily	Yasmin	Tyson
Kiana	Nina	Hayley
Erica	Roarke	Eryn
Charlie	Alice	Dalton
Tia	Louis	Makinley
Tahlia	Matilda	Charlotte
Isabella	Alex	Tim
Lily	Samuel	Alyssa
Sinead	Rachael	Harrison
Haydn	Reydan	Sarah
Saishweta	Alanah	Byron
Alexander	Arwen	Zara
Amelie	Layla	Ben
Cameron	Alana	

These certificates will be given out at the Assembly 12 December

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Silver Certificate status -

Mike	Jackson	William	Mia
Kayla	Isabella	Maddison	Tiaan
Jaime			

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What Notes Went Home Last Week (3 December – 7 December)

Note topic	Who got it?	When was it sent?
S3 Jamberoo Swimming Test	Year 5 & Year 6 Students	Thursday 4 December

LIBRARY NEWS

Library classes have finished for this year but students who still wish to borrow may have 1 book at a time.

If your child is leaving the school it would be appreciated if you check that all books have been returned.

Happy reading, Mrs Relf

WALKING BUS

Thank you to all of the volunteers that have agreed to "drive" the Walking Bus at Nareena Hills. Enrolment forms have now been distributed. Please return the completed form to the school office ASAP so that your child/ren will be able to attend the Walking Bus road safety and orientation session to be held in the Hall from 2.00 – 2.30 pm on Wednesday 12 December.

HAVE-A-GO SHOW & SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS DRIVE - MUFTI DAY

On Tuesday 18 December the children can wear mufti clothes (must wear joggers and shoulders to be covered) to school in support of the Salvation Army Christmas Drive.

The Salvation Army would also be happy to receive **KMart only gift vouchers**. If you wish to donate a voucher please give them to Mrs Rickersey at the office.

Students are requested to bring gifts on this day. Items should not be wrapped. The Salvation Army will attend just before the Have-a-Go Show commences on 18 December to receive our school's donations.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD ITEMS

Kiama KISS Arts Festival

Sydney Olympic Park School Holiday Activities

Girls Footy Festival - Croome Rd Complex, Shellharbour 14/1, 16/1 & 18/1

Figtree OOSH Holiday Program



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 12 December: Patsy Moate, Melanie Sawyer, Megan Donnelly, Rachael Mitrevski

Thursday 13 December: Vanessa Sturman, Terrina Hartley, Fiona Morton, Jayne Rixon-Moon

ROOM TO READ

The Room to Read Project reached its target of \$20,000 and will now be able to fund a Library in Cambodia.

Thank you to everyone for donating the spare change to this project.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2013

We are looking for any new parents to join our group of volunteers for 2013.

Although the canteen is currently open on Wednesdays and Thursdays, it is hoped that there will be enough volunteers to open additional days in 2013.

If you are able to help out and volunteer your time for next year, can you please complete the attached request form and email your availability to vanessa@sturmans.com.au.