



Nareena Hills Public School

Figtree

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From the Principal

CALENDAR DATES

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| 20 Nov | Communication Assembly |
| 29 Nov | S2 Tennis Gala Day |
| 4 Dec | Christmas Sing-a-long |
| 5 Dec | Combined Scripture Christmas Concert |
| 5 Dec | Parent helper morning tea |
| 9 Dec | Gold Morning Tea |
| 10 Dec | Stage 3 - Jamberoo |
| | Stage 2 - Killalea |
| 11 Dec | Christmas Singalong |
| 11 Dec | Mufti Day |
| 13 Dec | End of year Presentation Assembly |
| 16 Dec | Year 6 Dinner & Disco |

P & C MEETING DATES 2013

20 Nov
11 Dec

School Working Bee

On Saturday a few families braved the conditions to attend the school working bee. We were lucky enough to have a break in the weather which allowed us to complete some much needed work!

Special thanks to Mr Coleman, Mr and Mrs Jones, Mr and Mrs Stephens, Mr and Mrs Newman and the following students who also came to help: Ben, Annemeike, Alice, Toby, Emily and Henry!

A huge thank you to Mr Fell and to Mr Cherubini for their great work as well. We managed to stain our new picnic tables and bench seats and have them concreted into the ground for the children to use during break times. I am very grateful to all for giving up their own time to assist the school.



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Gold Morning Tea

Students who have received their Gold Merit Certificate will receive an invitation in the post inviting them to the next Gold Morning Tea which is being held on Monday 9 December at 11 am in the NOLA. This morning tea is for students who have not yet attended a gold morning tea this term.

Platinum Award

It is my pleasure to announce that Brooke, Alice, Teagan, Freya, Jasmine and Travis will all receive a Platinum Award at the Annual School Assembly on Friday 13 December. Congratulations to everyone!

PSSA Sport

As you are all aware PSSA sport was supposed to run for 5 weeks, however, one week was cancelled due to extreme smoke and fire conditions. At this stage the refund for the cancelled week's bus fare has not been processed as we are still waiting for a decision from the district convenors as to whether the cancelled round will be transferred to a later date - Week 8.

For this reason we have not been able to deduct the money from other school activities. If PSSA sport is not extended for an extra week Stage 3 will have their money deducted from either Jamberoo of the Year 6 Dinner.

Stage 2 students will have the refund carried over for 2014 PSSA due to the fact that most students have already paid for their end of year activities. And this makes the management of refunds much simpler. For accounting purposes this is the most time efficient method of managing this process.

Giselle Coltman
Principal

Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving Gold Merit Certificates at the Assembly on 20 November:

Jeremy, Jasmine, Alice, Brooke, Nathan, Brock, Logan and Travis.

Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving Silver Merit Certificates at the Assembly on 20 November:

Noah, Nate, Samuel, Sade and Grace.

Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving Bronze Merit Certificates at the Assembly on 20 November:

Caden, Billy and Olivia.

Classes - 2014

Classes 2014

Based on our current numbers it is anticipated that we will reduce in size from 13 classes to 12 classes in 2014. At this stage for various reasons we will not lose a teacher through the nominated transfer process. If your children will NOT be returning to Nareena Hills Public School in 2014 could you please contact the school so that we can continue to plan for our class structure in 2014.

As you are aware when deciding on the classes for any year, the teachers at Nareena Hills Public School attempt to obtain as much information as possible; number of teachers; number of classrooms; number of children; needs of children etc. Teachers then begin the process of determining class placement for all students.

For this reason parents are given the opportunity to state in writing any reason that they may have which could affect the placement of their child in the 2014 classes. I hope you understand that the process of class placement is a very rigorous process involving many factors. Teachers take a long time to work out the best class placement for your child. While you may not agree with that placement I can assure you the process is very involved and quite lengthy taking into account the needs of all students.

While you have your child at the centre of placement the teachers have 304 students to consider.

If you have any issues you would like me to consider please drop a note in to me at the Office (address it to Mrs Coltman – 'Confidential'). Please return notes no later than *Friday, 22 November*.

Please be aware that requesting particular teachers for your child is very flattering, but will not be taken into consideration for class placement in 2014.

School Assembly

This week's Assembly will be a Communication Assembly commencing at 2.30 pm.
We will also be giving out the above Certificates which we don't normally do at this Assembly.

Positive Behaviour for Success Fun Day

On Wednesday 27 November please wear colourful clothing, this includes wearing sensible shoes.

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 20 November: Patsy Moate, Melanie Sawyer Megan Donnelly, Leanne
Thursday 21 November: Vanessa Sturman, Terrina Hartley, Fiona Morton, Jayne Rixon-Moon

Community Notices

World Changers Christmas Market, New Day Church 29 November - 5.30 - 9.00 pm
Australia Day Aquathon - Sunday 26 January 2014 (supporting various charities)
Bunnings Family Christmas Night - Thursday 5 December 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm Bookings essential
Young Carers Camp - 13-15 January for young carers 8yrs and over registered with Respite and Carelink

Bus Passes for 2014

Students in Year 2 this year who have a bus pass will need to re-apply for a bus pass for next year, also any other students who will be requiring one and have not had one this year, will also need to apply.

Australia is Retuning!

The school has received information that all residents in Figtree will need to know about retuning their digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder. Please contact Mrs Rickersey and she will arrange for you to have a copy.

What do Parents Think?

The University of Western Australia is seeking parents to complete a survey regarding children with social and emotional problems, their families and their treatments. Participants will go into a draw to win one of 40 \$100 gift certificates for Coles/Myer or Woolworths. To participate go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/parentsattitudes>

Walking Bus News

The Walking Bus Christmas Party will be held on 30 November 2013. Invitations have gone out to those who are signed up with the walking bus. We have a special guest BENNY COLES the SUPER HERO who will be joining us on the day, so please come along for what is planned to be a fantastic day with lots of fun and games. Please RSVP by Friday 22 November to Melissa Ridley, Walking Bus Coordinator on mobile: 0417 069 477 or melissa.ridley@walkingbus.com.au

Canteen Roster 2014

Attached to the back of this Newsletter is a request for additional helpers to go on the Roster for 2014. Please consider this valuable service to the school.

Stories by IT

The Adventures of Little Owl

by Alyssa

One warm day Little Owl was waiting for his breakfast when ... he heard 'Scatter, scatter scatter'. It was a squirrel! He walked one step backwards and it got louder. 'Scatter, scatter scatter!' It was very loud by then. He was scared. He didn't know it was a squirrel. He thought it was a rattlesnake! Little Owl scrambled out of the nest as fast as he could, he jumped off the branch, spread his wings and flew to mother owl. Baby owl could always hear Mother Owl but he couldn't see her. Finally he saw her, and he told her what he could hear. Mother Owl said, "That was just a squirrel. Come on. Let's fly home." But, they didn't notice that the squirrel had just got caught by a rattlesnake!

The Adventures of Toby Owl

by Alex

One day there was an owl named Toby. Toby was brown with strong talons. One night when hunting, Toby heard a very particular sound. "Is it an eagle coming to eat me?" he said and he soared off, as fast as a cheetah. Woooooosh! The wind gusted past him. He hid in a hole in a tree. "No problem now", he said and there was no problem, and that was where he lived for the rest of his life.

The Adventures of Baby Owl

by Isabella

Once there was an owl who lived in a very tall tree. His mum had gone out to get some dinner. His mum was gone for a long time. Baby Owl was worried and scared. He didn't know what to do. He was scared that a fox had eaten his mother so he went back into his hole. He snuggled up into his nest and said "I want my mummy." He was white. He had really sharp claws for a little owl. He had brown ears and blue eyes. When Little Owl woke up his mother was still not there. It was not windy and especially not dark, so Little Owl went out. He spread out his wings and he was gliding. He looked down and saw his mother and he said, "Mum! Mum! Look up here." His mum looked up and flew up with her baby and they flew back home.

The Adventures of Sydney the Owl

by Mia

Syd the owl loved to eat frog's legs and snail's shells. She would not eat anything else. She was also very clumsy. The only thing that she did not have was a tail, but she did not even notice it! A hunter had shot it off. She could not make noises like a rattle snake.

One day she went out to get breakfast with her big brother, Jack, and her mum, Stefanie. Suddenly she heard a noise. "I see a fox!" she shouted. "Run! "Don't be silly.", said Jack. "It's just a shadow". "Oh, run!" said her mum and her mum always listened to Sydney.

The Adventure of Little Owl

by Callum

Little Owl lived in a nest. He had just learnt to fly. Little Owl wasn't that good at flying.

One night Little Owl decided to catch his own food.

Little Owl swooped down from the tree, he glided through the air, soared over the tree and ... CRASH!!! He crashed into a tree. Little Owl went home without food.

The next night Little Owl went out of his tree and flew away. He spotted a family of mice and swooped down. HE caught some mice. He had a lovely time.

The Adventures of Baby Owl

by Archer

Jack the baby owl has big eyes, long wings and brown feathers. He watches his mum at night.

Then one day a man came to get him and he was trapped. Then he went to the man's home. Mother owl was shocked. Then mother owl looked everywhere. Then mother owl knew where baby owl was. He was at the city. At the city, baby owl was trapped. He had no way out!

The Adventures of Charlie the Owl

by Brooke

One night there was a little owl named Charlie. Charlie was a cutie. He was super little. He was brown and white. One windy, storm night, Charlie's mummy didn't come home. Charlie gave a big "Hoot". Did it work? Charlie gave a frown. "It didn't work." He came out of the nest, spread his long wings and ... the wind blew him down. He looked in the nest and the next thing you knew, his mummy was in the nest. "MUMMY!"

Should Kids Clean Their Teeth?

by Alex

It is important for everybody to clean their teeth, every single morning and night! If you don't clean your teeth it will lead to tooth decay and then plaque, and your teeth may go yellow. If you don't clean your teeth you will get stinky breath and lose all your friends. If you don't clean your teeth your teeth may fall out and you will get false teeth. False teeth can cost you lots of money. Hygiene is important for your teeth because you must clean your teeth to stay healthy.

IT Stories Cont'd

Should Children Clean Their Teeth? by Kurt

Children should clean their teeth! If you don't clean your teeth you will get tooth decay. It can hurt! You could get false teeth when you get old. You can get stinky breath and people won't like you.

If you don't clean your teeth this stuff can happen to you. You should clean your teeth in the morning and in the afternoon. Clean your teeth!

Should Children Clean Their Teeth? by Layla

Children should brush their teeth because they could go yellow and rotten.

If they're rotten you have to get fillings and if they get crooked you have to go to the dentist and get braces. If you never clean your teeth you are going to get teased because your breath will be smelly and you won't get any friends. If you are old you will maybe have false teeth. You should brush your teeth so you don't have to get fillings.

Should Children Clean Their Rooms by Callum

Children need to clean their rooms! If they don't clean their rooms they will get bugs in their rooms and it will start to stink. They also might trip over clothes and they might even step on sharp stuff. Mum and dad have enough work to do, like clean the car, mow the lawn and heaps of other things. Children made the mess so they clean it up! They will have more room and they will know where their stuff is. If they don't clean their room they could break stuff. They must clean their rooms!

Should Children Clean Their Rooms? by Mia

Children definitely need to clean their rooms. They could get rats, bugs, mice and who knows what else if they don't! It is very important to clean your room! Mum and dad could throw out your favourite toys, books and other stuff. I'm warning you! You could trip and you could be seriously hurt! Things could go rotten! If you don't take my advice it could get very serious. Now you know, you have to clean your room. Will you do your room?

Should Children Clean Their Rooms? by Alex

Children have to clean their rooms all the time! If you don't clean your bedroom creepy crawlies will start appearing and it will be unsafe and it will smell GROSS! Mums and dads in general have enough work to do already, like washing the car. Children made the mess so they must clean it up. Children must clean their rooms because it is good for your health.

Should Children Clean Their Rooms? by Toby

Children should clean their rooms because it is important. If they don't clean their room it will cause danger. Mums and dads have much more to do than them. If they don't clean their room insects will appear and your room will get smelly. Children must certainly clean their room because it is good for your health!

Should Children Clean Their Rooms? by Jemma

Children need to clean their rooms because it is very, very important! If children don't clean their rooms it will not be safe for them—they could get sick by rats, mice and cockroaches or they could have accidents by falling on sharp things that could hurt them. Mums and dads already have enough jobs to do.....so much! We made the mess so we have to clean it up and it is tiring so clean it up so you don't have to do it later! You might have enough room for sleep overs! If you have it all tidy you will know where stuff is! If cleaners come in they might take the precious things on the floor and throw them out!

You must clean your room, so nothing bad will happen to you!!!

Should Children Clean Their Rooms? by Tim

Children must clean their rooms! It is very important.

If you don't clean your room you might get sick, your room will be smelly and little insects will come in. You might have an accident or you might fall on a sharp thing.

Mum and dad have enough to do. They have to do the dishes, the car and the washing.

You made the mess so you need to clean it! If you clean it up you will have more room, precious stuff won't get broken and you will know where everything is. If you don't clean your room stuff might get thrown out – precious stuff.

I WANT TO VOLUNTEER FOR CANTEEN**Hours 9.00 am – 2.00 pm****1****Name:** _____**Phone number:** _____**Mobile number:** _____**Email address:** _____**Any of the above contact details may be given out to help cover shifts as necessary.****I would like to work with:** _____

Although the canteen is currently open on Wednesdays and Thursdays, it is hoped that there will be enough volunteers to open additional days in 2014.

Please record your availability from the options listed below.

I will be a volunteer on the regular roster. Circle day/s you are available and how often you wish to work.

a. Mon Tue Wed Thursday Friday

b. Fortnightly Monthly

Instead of being on the regular roster, I will be a relief volunteer. Please circle the day/s you are available and how often you wish to work.

a. Mon Tue Wed Thursday Friday

b. Fortnightly Monthly

Comments: _____

You are responsible for finding a relief person to do your shift if you need to cancel due to illness etc. You will be given a list of contacts to help you with this. On occasions where the canteen is closed, all families will be given written notice.

Please return this form to the above email address or drop it into the office by 29 November. Thank you.