



Caring, Living, Learning

PUBLIC SCHOOL

A NUT AND EGG AWARE SCHOOL

Friday 28 November 2014

Number 26
Term 4 Week 8, 2014

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

RESILIENCE

★ DIARY DATES ★

Student Banking

Thursday

Canteen

Wednesday, Thursday

Assembly - when advertised

- 8 December Mrs Rickersey's Farewell Assembly
- 9 December K - 2 Luncheon
- 9 December Stage 3 Jamberoo Excursion
- 10 December Christmas sing-a-long
- 10 December P & C Night Out
- 11 December Combined Scripture Service 10 - 11am
- 11 December Parent Helpers Morning Tea 11.00 - 11.30am
- 12 December End of Year Presentation Assembly
K - 2 commences 9.10am
3 - 6 commences 10.15am
- 15 December Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Lagoon Restaurant
Disco at school
- 15 December Stage 2 Excursion
Surf Education
Sandon Point
- 16 December Have-A-Go-Show
- 16 December Reports home
- 17 December Last day of school for students
- 2015
- 18 February P & C Meeting 7pm

★ AWESOME BADGES ★



Last week the following students received their Awesome Badges.



Early Stage 1



Stage 1



Stage 2



Stage 3



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★ PRINCIPAL NEWS ★

Congratulations to all of the students who have already received their Radical award. The first of two morning teas will be held this Friday 28 November at 11am in the NOLA. Only students who have already received their Principal's badge are invited to this morning tea.

Students are to wear their Principal's badge to the morning tea.

Students who have not yet received their Principal's badge will be invited to the second Principal's morning tea to be held on Monday 8 December at 11am in the NOLA.

Staff News

The end of an era will occur on the last day of Term 4 when Mrs Rickersey will take long service leave pending retirement. Mrs Rickersey has been the friendly face in the front office for a number of years. I would like to congratulate Mrs Rickersey for her wonderful service to the families and students of our school and wish her all the very best in her retirement. She will be greatly missed by students, staff and parents alike. Parents who would like to contribute towards a gift for Mrs Rickersey may do so by placing their money in a sealed envelope, clearly labelled and depositing it into the silver box in the foyer. Please join us at Mrs Rickersey's farewell assembly on Monday 8 December commencing at 2pm in the school hall.

Last week we conducted a merit selection process for the position of classroom teacher. It was a very competitive field and the panel selected an outstanding candidate.



Parent Action Symbol!

If you see this symbol next to an item, then it is something that you may either have to action or note in your diary.



★ RADICAL AWARDS ★

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their Radical Award. Their award will be presented at the assembly on 5 December 2014.

KF	Marissa, Jonathan
KHT	Rebecca, Olivia, Thomas, Ellise
ID	Ben, Petar, Abigail, Charlotte
2L	Rosie
3/4JM	Samuel, Michael, Freya, Hayley, Jack
4K	William, Cassandra
5C	Emily, Aiden, Chloe, Lily
5/6G	John, Ned, Nina



★ AWESOME AWARDS ★

Congratulations to the following students who have gained their Awesome Award. Their award will be presented at the assembly on 5 December 2014.

ID	Blake
2L	Timothy, Lachlan, Callum, Jake
3/4JM	Rylan, Chloe, Jackson, Kyle
5C	Luka, Angelica
5/6G	Marissa, Brock, Elsie, Farouk, Christina, Alexander
6B	Drew, Tim, Thomas, Matthew



★ PRINCIPAL NEWS ★

Miss Marie Mullan will take up her position at Nareena Hills Public School on the first day of Term 1 next year. We look forward to Miss Mullan joining the Nareena Hills Public School Team.

Mrs Jenne Gray has indicated that she will not return to school in 2015.

Bell Times

At the last P and C meeting a proposal to alter the internal bell times in 2015 was supported by the school P and C. The bell times for next year will be as follows:

9:00 - 11:00	In class time
11:00 - 11:25	Lunch 1
11:25 - 11:50	Lunch 2
11:50 - 1:50	In class time
1:50 - 2:15	Recess
2:15 - 3:00	In class time
3pm	Home time

The reason for the changes include:

- Earlier eating of 'proper food' – not snacks first. Students will eat their lunch first and snacks later.
- Sun safety.
- 2 x 2 hour blocks for consolidated learning.
- Increased time for Learning and Support within classrooms.
- More effective timetabling of whole school resources aligned to the school plan.

While it may take a little while for students and staff to get used to the proposed changes we look forward to more productive teaching and learning time and continued support of healthy eating habits and sun safety procedures.

Giselle Coltman
Principal



★ POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS ★

This week we will be focussing on the value of RESPONSIBILITY.

The focus statement is *Do what you know is right.*

This week PBS lessons will be about responsibility in the hall. Pay attention to the speaker. Sit still and quietly.



★ 2015 ROCKET WINNERS ★

A HUGE thank you to the children who took the time to enter the 2015 Rocket competition. There were over 200 entries and it was very difficult to judge with all of the rockets being unique and special.

The PBS team took a long time to select the winners who will proudly have their rocket design on our playground rockets for 2015.

The winners and their designs are:

RESILIENCE



Alicia 5C

RESPONSIBILITY



Grace KF

RESPECT



Bria 2L

Thank you once again for the tremendous response and we look forward to seeing some awesome rocket designs in the future.

The PBS Team

★ POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS SURVEY ★



Please take the time this week to complete this evaluation and return it by Friday 5 December (It is again attached to this week's newsletter)

Thank you
The PBS Team

★ SCHOOL SPECTACULAR UPDATE ★

Our three school dance representatives have started the first of their four performances today. Kaiah, Abbey and Montana have upheld our school values throughout all of their rehearsals leading up to the Schools Spectacular 2014. We are very proud of these talented dancers representing Nareena Hills.



★ **5C ASSEMBLY ITEM** ★

5C would like to thank everyone who came and watched our assembly item last week. We worked very hard to learn the cup song and have been working hard in other areas too. In Science, we have been conducting experiments to investigate light and its properties. This included making peek boxes and kaleidoscopes to demonstrate how light is reflected.



In addition to this, we carried out an experiment to determine if the height of a shadow was determined by the distance a torch was held from an object.

As part of our literacy activities, we recently finished reading *Bridge to Terabithia*. The author created very likeable characters, Leslie and Jess. During our computer time, we used the application Tagxedo to create a word cloud containing words to describe our chosen character. This semester, we have been using 'Words Their Way' to study spelling patterns and word derivations.



In Mathematics, we have done a lot of work with decimals, fractions and percentages and then designed a poster to show what we have learnt. There is so much more we could tell you about but that will have to be for another time.



★ **UPCOMING PAYMENTS** ★



Jamberoo - End of Year Excursion

When: Tuesday 9 December
 Where: Jamberoo Action Park
 Who: Stage 3 students
 Cost: \$40.00 (Season member \$13.00)



Surf Education - End of Year Excursion

When: Monday 15 December
 Where: Sandon Point Beach
 Who: Stage 2 students
 Cost: \$28.00



Year 6 Farewell

When: Monday 15 December
 Where: Lagoon Restaurant
 Who: Stage 3 students
 Cost: \$35.00



Year 6 Farewell Disco

When: Monday 15 December
 Where: School Hall
 Who: Year 5 students
 Cost: \$5.00 (to be brought in after 2 December)

★ **SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES** ★

Week 8	Tremendous, Awesome, Principal's Awards IC assembly item - commencing at 2.15pm
Week 9	Final - Tremendous, Awesome, Principal's Awards Rocket Draw - commencing at 2.30pm
Week 10	K - 6 End of Year Presentation Assembly K - 2 commencing at 9.10am 3 - 6 commencing at 10.15am





SCHOOL PLANNING 2015 - 2017



Our school is currently in the planning stage of the 2015 – 2017 school plan. The new school plan will provide principals with the opportunity to work collaboratively with the school community to lead educational innovation for the improved delivery of quality teaching, learning and leadership outcomes for NSW public schools.

The new school plan - Preparing your community.

To date the school leadership team have met to evaluate what we have achieved and what we want to continue to achieve using our school plan and evidence from the Analytical Framework for School Improvement Tool. A staff meeting was also held to brainstorm and gather ideas from the staff.

The next phase is to involve parents and students. We intend to hold an afternoon session and survey parents on what they expect the school to look like in the next 3 years...what you expect the students to be learning etc.

To assist us with planning the following will occur:

- During Week 8 and Week 9 students will be in the playground with ipads asking parents to complete an online survey.
- Parents will be randomly selected to complete a phone interview to gather opinions, thoughts and ideas.
- Students and teachers will participate in surveys or focus groups.
- A parent information session will be held on Wednesday 3 December to set the directions and vision for the next 3 years at the school. The session will take place in the staffroom from 2.00 - 3.00pm. If you wish to attend please complete the tear-off below.



HELPERS MORNING TEA REMINDER



Our annual 'Parent, Community and Scripture helpers' morning tea will be held on Thursday 11 December from 11.10am -12 noon, in the school hall.

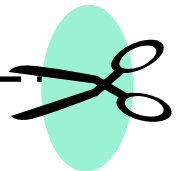
The staff at Nareena Hills Public School would like to take the time to thank all the helpers for the effort and support they have provided to our school throughout 2014.



If you are one of these special helpers, then please join us for morning tea for us to say "Thanks" for all you have done this year.

Please fill in the form at the bottom of the page and return to school by Monday 1 December.

We hope you can join us,
Mrs Cusack and staff



Thank You Morning Tea

- I will be attending the Thank You Morning Tea.

Name : (please print)

- I will attend the information session on School Planning to be held in the staffroom on Wednesday 3 December between 2.00 and 3.00pm.

Parent Name (please print)

Please return slip/s to Mrs Rickersey in the front office.



★ P & C NEWS ★

The first P & C meeting for next year will be 18 February 2015.

Meetings are held in the school staffroom and begin at 7pm.

New members are always welcome.



Julijana Stanojevic
P & C President

★ CANTEEN ★

Wednesdays 9.00 - 1.30pm

Week 9 3 Dec	Paula Moss, Renae Hancock, Danielle Pierce, Leone Paiola
Week 10 10 Dec	Rachel Kendon, Tammy Montgomery, Julijana Stanojevic, Louise Coleman

Thursday 9.00 - 1.30pm

Week 9 4 Dec	Sarah Allen, Kate Johnson, Catherine Robinson
Week 10 11 Dec	Karmen Bond, Alison Darlow, Bridget Newman, Cheree Beattie

★ CHRISTMAS DONATIONS ★



Salvation Army and Anglican Church Figtree Christmas donations

In support of the Salvation Army and Figtree Anglican Church Christmas donation children can wear green school shorts, green culottes or sport skirt (girls) and a Christmas shirt or a plain red/green/white t-shirt on Wednesday 10 December. Black school shoes and green socks as normal. Girls can wear Christmas hair accessories. The Salvation Army would also be happy to receive 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.

K-2 non-perishable food - Please ensure food is in date after Christmas day. Examples tea, coffee, biscuits, sugar, small Christmas puddings, long life milk. *These donations will be donated to Figtree Anglican Church.*

Grades 3-4 toy or book

Grades 5-6 gift appropriate for children 10-13 years old (there is a high demand for gifts in this age bracket).

Suggested ideas: craft activities, textas, notebooks, stationery. *Gifts from grades 3-6 will be donated to the Salvation Army.*

Please do not wrap the items.

Thank you for your support and generosity.
The SRC Committee



★ SCHOOL NEWS ★



**Illawarra Sports High School
Talented Sports and Development Program**

Information Open Night for Year 7 2016
Monday February 16th, 2015

Year 6 Trials for Year 7 2016
Tuesday March 15th, 2015



★ SCHOOL SONG ★

Nareena Hills
Living, Learning and Caring,
Nareena Hills, Nareena Hills,
Helping each other we learn to
live.

Verse 1

We live between the Mountains,
And the deep blue sea,
We come from many places,
From all around the world.
We welcome everybody,
To come and learn with us,
To care, respect, this Ancient
Land, That joins us all as one.

Chorus

Verse 2

We study in the classroom,
To feed enquiring minds,
We strengthen hearts and
bodies,
By playing games outside.
We're growing in our confidence
We'll take the world by storm,
And face the future without fear,
With hope and cheerfulness

Chorus

Nareena Hills, Nareena Hills
Living, Learning and Caring,
Nareena Hills, Nareena Hills,
Helping each other we learn to
live.

*Lyrics by Gordon Dugan and
Catherine Hanes
Music by Gordon Dugan*



NOTICEBOARD



Please see the noticeboards in the administration block for further information regarding the following advertisements:

World Education Program - request program information and student profiles on 1300 884 773 or visit www.wep.org.au or info@wep.org.au

Department of Primary Industries Kid's fishing workshop - held in the Christmas school holidays at Lake Illawarra on Wednesday 14 January. To book please call 4220 8484 or email : Stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au

KinKou Yoga - Yoga for Stress and Anxiety for children starting at age 8. Please call 0403 315 575 for further details or visit www.kinouyoga.com

PCYC Lake Illawarra January 2015 Kidzcare School Holiday Program - please phone 4296 4448 for further information.

Barnardos Australia - we urgently need more foster carers, please call 1800 663 441 for more details or visit barnardos.org.au/wecare

ATS Surf School presents vegemite Surf Groms - to find out more please phone 1800 711 189 or visit www.surfgroms.com.au