



Newsletter



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Principal's News

Student Banking
Tuesday
Canteen

NOV

- 5 - 16 Swim Scheme
- 12 Applications for 2020 Yr7 Selective High School Test
CLOSE
- 14 Kindergarten 2019 Orientation
9.15am - 10.30am
Instrumental Concert
6pm in hall
- 20 Assembly - PBL Awards
9am
- 22 Kindergarten 2019 Playdate 9am - 10am
- 26 Last day for Book Club orders
- 28 P&C Meeting
7pm - 8pm

DEC

- 3 Water Survival
- 4 Assembly Item Year 5
9am
- 10 ROSA Assembly - 9am
- 6 Year 6 Disco committee meeting
3 - 4pm
- 11 Stage 3 Excursion to Jamberoo Action Park

Grandparents' Day 2018

New South Wales celebrates Grandparents Day each year in the last weekend of October. This year Sunday 28 October was NSW Grandparents Day. This week Nareena Hills recognised and celebrated our grandparents and grand friends on Thursday 8 November.

NSW Grandparents' Day celebrates the role grandparents and older people play in our society. The campaign aims to recognise the diversity of grandparent relationships across age groups and cultural backgrounds. Our students relished the opportunity to spend time with their loved ones. We shared the day with nearly 300 grand guests and dozens more emailed or had a letter delivered to their grand children.

As a child I was always amazed by how many people my grandfather knew and how many people knew him. I felt a similar sense of wonder on Thursday as I watched how many people had connections within and across our community.

Thank you to everyone that attended the morning and participated in our day. Some grandparents came straight from work, some awoke at 5:30am and jostled through Sydney traffic, some arrived by public transport, and many trekked considerable distances to join us. One set of grandparents arrived with only ten minutes notice and another squeezed the visit in between school drop off at one destination, early pick up at another and formal hair/ make up appointments. I spoke to many people that were off to their next appointment.

Life is busy and time is precious. We thank our community for spending the morning with us. Our life is better because of the support, empathy and resourcefulness of older generations.

Please visit our website to view more photographs of the wonderful morning.



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Remembrance Day 2018

Sunday, 11 November 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914-18). One hundred years ago the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of warfare. In the four years of war more than 330 000 Australians had served overseas, and more than 60000 of them died. The effects of war and the losses felt, shaped our nation. Each year on Remembrance Day we observe a minutes silence at 11am, in memory of those who died or suffered in wars and armed conflicts.

Our student leaders organised and led our Remembrance Day service, and at the conclusion of the event I commended them. Throughout the week I had heard that Australians are recognised globally for the fact that we commemorate the cost of war rather than celebrating the victories of war. We do not praise our wins, or celebrate the spoils of war. We choose to recognise the sacrifices and remember those who have gone before us. The conversation made me reflect on Australian values and reminded me why I am proud to be Australian.

I am also proud to be a leader at Nareena Hills. I reiterated to our student leaders and every student in the audience that it is an honour to be a part of the Nareena Hills community. I doubt that I was the only member of our community that was filled with pride. Proud of the fact that our students commemorate days such as Remembrance Day and Anzac Day with maturity and dignity. I speak on behalf of the entire school community when I thank our leaders for their effort and organisation today.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Recently we have noticed an increase in late arrivals and early departures. Arriving at school and class on time ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities. It also allows students to greet their friends and reduces disruption to classrooms.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of school. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances

Following an absence a verbal or written explanation should be provided within 7 days.

Safety on our Roads

We are fortunate at Nareena Hills to have a School Crossing Supervisor Program. Our supervisors, Rachael and Erin, are committed, generous and active members of our community. Not only do they provide a service that increases mobility and safety around our school, but they do it with cheerful and positive energy. They know our children and they go above and beyond to ensure they are safe.

That is why we must as a school community act and behave in a responsible manner to support them. If you are driving, you must not proceed until the School Crossing Supervisor's hand held sign is no longer displayed, or until the supervisor indicates that you may proceed. It is also imperative that we respect our neighbours and ensure that we are parking legally and not obstructing driveways.

Practise safe pedestrian behaviours with your children. Use the crossing and explain why it is the safest place to cross. For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools, visit the parent section at safetytown.com.au

Principal's News Continued

Mathematics Professional Learning

On Tuesday afternoon when many people across the nation were watching a horse race, a team of mathematics enthusiasts engaged in an evening of professional learning. Mr Arrandale, Mr Casham, Miss Boess, Miss Scazzariello and I had the opportunity to listen to Professor Thomas Lowrie discuss the importance of spatial reasoning.

The aim of the learning is to increase the STEM literacy of young Australians, by using technology and innovative practices. By engaging in spatial reasoning training students increase spatial reasoning ability and mathematics and science competences. Spatial reasoning is considered critical for everyday tasks. It helps us to understand, appreciate and interpret our geometric world. Spatial reasoning is a core component of Numeracy in the Australian Curriculum. We look forward to continuing to engage in professional learning and to increase the opportunities across the school for our students to engage in learning that develops their spatial reasoning.

P & C Meeting Week 4 Term 4

Our first P&C meeting for Term 4 was moved to Week 4 so that community members could engage in Halloween celebrations. The meeting was well attended and being Term 4 it was an opportunity to reflect on the activities of 2018. This year the P&C has assisted with Mothers' and Fathers' day stalls, the Education Week Expo, catering for a network meeting of over 42 principals, Kindergarten Expo, the orientation program, assisted with school self reflection and reviewed external validation data.

The P&C has also donated \$10 000 of funds that were utilised to purchase Bee Bots, Blue Bots, Lego Mindstorm sets and accessories. They have also purchased new stage curtains and backing curtains at a cost of \$9000, as well as committing \$3000 to improve audio visual equipment in the Hall. The COLA will be enhanced with post pads for all posts and new line markings. Monday sees the installation of a new area within the playground. After months of consultation the installers will arrive and a new play area for our students to utilise. The area will have a timber bridge, a performance platform and various rubber animals and rubber rocks. The cost for the project is \$18 000.

Equally as exciting was the discussion around tentative dates for the 2019 School Fete! The next P&C Meeting is Week 7. We meet at 7pm in the staffroom and welcome all members of the community.

Demountable Removal

Week 5 will be a busy week for our playground. NSW Asset Management Directorate will be relocating the demountable. The school has not used the building in 2018 and we do not have need for it in 2019, so it will be relocated to a school that has immediate use for it. We look forward to gathering the design plans of our students to turn the area into a sustainable choice learning space.

Semester 2 Reports

Staff are preparing and reviewing Semester 2 reports. The reports will be distributed Friday Week 8. Accompanying the reports will be a portfolio of student work. Teachers will include instructions allowing access to the portfolios. If your child's teacher does not indicate they require an interview with the Semester 2 report, it does not mean that you cannot request one. Parents may request an interview with their child's teacher at any time.


We are looking forward to a productive and engaging Term 4!

Simone Brett, Relieving Principal

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Positive Behaviour For Learning

Congratulations to the following students for their progress in the classroom reward system.

	Tremendous Awards
3D	Khysha

Awesome Award



Back Row: Ryan, Isaac, Aiden, Flynn, Leon, Manfred, Isobel & Alistair
Front Row: Eden, Kevin, Sienna, Mikayla, Aiden, Laura, Aminah, Braxton & Chanel
ES1



Back Row: Ariane, Isaac, Oscar, Blake & Keo
Middle Row: Seth, Ayda, AnaMaria, Lillian, Alivia, Lara, Coco, Ethan, Max & Sienna
Front Row: Jye, Josie, Cristian, Jack, Khloe, Zoe, April & Hugh
Stage 1

Positive Behaviour for Learning Continued

Awesome Award



Back Row: Lily, Hannah , Nicola, Keira, Sofia, Emma-Lee, Lara & Tyler
Front Row: Skye, Aidan, Cooper, Thor, Tyler, Lucas, Jacob, Aaliah, Matisse
Stage 2

Radical Awards



Eva, Ellora & Zara

Book Club



Issue 8 is now available.

Please order by Monday 26 November for delivery to the school.

Any orders made after this date will be delivered to your chosen address for an additional postage cost.

Reminder: Book Club orders can only be made online. It is no longer possible to order or make cash payments through the school office.

Go to <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Register.aspx>

Canteen

Term 3 Wednesday 9am - 12pm

TERM 4

Week 5 14 Nov	Vanessa Smith, Bek Thompson, Tess Burgess, Deb Murray
Week 6 21 Nov	Amanda Schipp, Paula Brown, Helpers needed
Week 7 28 Nov	Rachel Kendon, Jomana Sultan, Allyson Barlow
Week 8 5 Dec	Kaylene Crowe, Katrina Harris, Bhavani Jayabalan

Thursday 9am - 12pm

TERM 4

Week 5 15 Nov	Christine Gregory, Kirsten Potter, Kylie Evans
Week 6 22 Nov	Petra Holmes, Katrina Harris, Tanya Pynenburg, Vanessa McKellar, Sarah Tobin
Week 7 29 Nov	Bridget Newman, Jason Russell, Emily Rouen, Kaylene Herald
Week 8 6 Dec	Kelly Lazicic, Alannah Tagliapietra, Sue Haddon, Susan Jackson

Friday 9am-12pm

TERM 4

Week 5 16 Nov	Kate Egan, Margo Keremelevski, Lorraine Giatras
Week 6 23 Nov	Paolo Baldassari, Linda Zanotto, Leone Paiola
Week 7 30 Nov	Kate Johnson, Craig Arthur, Rachel Reece
Week 8 7 Dec	Amanda Schipp, Leisa Zaharis, Ally Horneman

Upcoming Payments



Stage 3 Water Survival Challenge - Western Suburbs Pool,
Unanderra
Monday 3 December 2018
\$5.00 **DUE NOW**



Stage 3 Jamberoo Excursion - Jamberoo Action Park
Tuesday 11 December 2018
\$45.00 which includes entry and coach fare. If your child has a
season pass they are required to pay \$15.00 for the coach.
They MUST bring their pass on the day!
Payment **DUE NOW**



Year 6 Farewell Dinner - Lagoon Restaurant
Tuesday 18 December 2018
\$30.00 **DUE NOW**



Stage 2 PSSA Term 4 Dragon Tag - Sid Parrish Park
Friday 2, 9, 16 and 23 November
\$20.00 **DUE NOW**

Next Assemblies

Term 4

Week 6	Tuesday 20 Nov - Award Assembly
Week 8	Tuesday 4 Dec - Year 5 Class Item
Week 9	Monday 10 Dec - ROSA Assembly

Canteen

Canteen Volunteers for 2019

Mum's, Dad's, Grandparent's all welcome

We are inviting volunteers for Canteen for 2019. If you would like to join our great team, let us know via email to nareenahillscanteen@gmail.com or phone Amanda on 0434 976 255.

Shifts are just 3 hours in the morning, once a month, on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. It is a great way to be part of the school community and see your kids/grandkids smiley faces over the counter.

We particularly need volunteers on Wednesdays and Thursdays to be able to remain open on these days.

Thank you

Amanda Schipp Canteen Coordinator

volunteer
do good, feel good

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Education
Public Schools



ILLAWARRA JUNIOR VOCAL ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS FOR 2019

(Years 3 - 6)

The Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble is an exciting opportunity for Public School students in Years 3 - 6 to excel in vocal performance.

Students (Years 3 - 6) will be selected by audition. Successful students will represent the Illawarra with a variety of performances throughout the school year. In 2018, students performed at Southern Stars, Spring Into Corrimal, The Festival of Choral Music at the Opera House and The Kiama Festival of Choirs. Students will feature on the Morning Show with Nick Rheinberger on ABC Illawarra. Later this year, The Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble will be performing at Shellharbour Carols By Candlelight and the Wollongong City Council Lighting of the Tree.

The Ensemble is co-ordinated by Sonia Milgate (Pleasant Heights Public School), Lynda Murphy (Corrimal East Public School), Kate Whitworth (Minnamurra Public School) and Bede Darcey (Principal of Corrimal East Public School).

In 2019, we will be expanding the Illawarra Junior Vocal Ensemble into a Home and Satellite Division. **Home Division:** Rehearsals at Corrimal East Public School on Thursdays from 4 - 5pm during term. **Satellite Division:** Rehearsals at Minnamurra Public School most Thursdays from 4 - 5pm during term and will travel to Corrimal East Public School twice a term for combined rehearsals.

The participation cost for students is \$30 per term.

Should you have interested students in your school, please direct them to the following website where they can send in an audition application:

Audition Process:

Download the audition piece from the following

link: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1JDQf7HFhxNbczqu9Pw3cdeUzsgBnMr10?fbclid=IwAR2LGVBb_CGPzKszzLHpurljVTNlKmNladJM_NHO9Npqf1suF1Lz4CFjOZZk and upload your audition as an unlisted YouTube video. Fill in the required paperwork using Google Forms. All submissions will receive an email stating that their application has been received after the due date.

<https://tinyurl.com/IJVE2019auditions>

Successful students will be offered a position in the Home or Satellite division depending on locality and available positions. Students must commit to their position by Monday 3 December, 2018.

Applications are due by Monday 19 November, 2018.

For further information, please contact Sonia Milgate on sonia.milgate@det.nsw.edu.au

This initiative is supported by the NSW Department of Education.

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Noticeboard

McHappy Day - Figtree McDonalds are holding McHappy Day on Saturday 17 November. There will be raffles, many prizes and dancing and entertainment. Raising funds for Ronald McDonald House.

Illawarra Stingrays – Free Clinics

Illawarra Stingrays will be running free clinics at Ray Crump Oval, Illowra Crescent, Primbee on Sunday 11th Nov., 18th Nov. and 25th Nov. from 3pm-4.30pm for U8, U9, U10, U11 & U12s.

If your daughter is keen to gain specialised training from accredited coaches and who is looking at a pathway to becoming a Matilda come along for your chance to be a part of this great club.

To register please contact the GSAP.Asst.Technical Director, Mark on 0422 224 640

Hope to see you there!!

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Noticeboard Continued



Community members, school groups, families and friends are encouraged to attend a commemorative ceremony and parade as members of the 4th / 3rd Battalion exercise their Freedom of Entry to the City on Saturday 17 November.

The event will start in MacCabe Park at 1pm where the 4th / 3rd Battalion will lay wreaths at the Cenotaph.

NSW Governor General David Hurley AC DSC [Ret'd] will attend the ceremony with Wollongong City Lord Mayor Councillor Gordon Bradbery AM prior to the march from the Cenotaph in MacCabe Park. The march will proceed into the City Centre, via Globe Lane and finish at the eastern end of the Mall at Kembla Street.

The ceremony commemorates the centenary of the end of World War I in November 1918.

The City welcomes the Battalion exercising their right to Freedom of Entry. The Battalion was granted Freedom of Entry in March 2004. The ceremony and parade on 17 November will recognise the vital role the 4th / 3rd battalion has played in the Australian defence forces.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and pay tribute to our local Battalion which has provided assistance to our defence forces for many years.

It is a good opportunity for all community members to see a traditional military parade through the heart of Wollongong where Battalion members will have their bayonets fixed, colours flying and music playing.

The 'Freedom of Entry to the City' is an honour that dates back to medieval times and was granted to military units that earned a city's trust. Citizens of these cities had the power to refuse entry to armed groups unless the citizens were confident of their own safety.

For more information you can contact Council's Customer Service on (02) 4227 7111 or visit our website at www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au