



Nareena Hills Public School

Newsletter



**RESPECT**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**RESILIENCE**

## Principal's News

### Student Banking

Tuesday

### Canteen

Wednesday, Thursday  
and Friday

- DEC**
- 3 Water Survival  
Figtree High School  
Year 7 2019  
Information Evening -  
6pm
  - 4 Assembly Item Year 5  
& ICAS Certificates -  
9am  
Figtree High School  
Orientation Day for  
Year 7 2019
  - 6 Scripture Christmas  
Assembly - 10-11am  
Year 6 Disco  
committee meeting  
3 - 4pm
  - 10 ROSA Assembly - 9am
  - 11 Stage 3 -Jamberoo  
Action Park
  - 11 Stage 2 IPAC Excursion
  - 13 Stage 3 Play Matinee -  
12 - 1pm  
Stage 3 Play Evening  
Performance - 6 - 7pm
  - 14 Stage 1 Excursion
  - 18 Stage 2 Excursion to  
movies  
Year 6 Farewell Dinner  
Lagoon Restaurant—  
Arrive at 4.30pm for  
photos  
Stage 3 Disco - in hall

*Research consistently shows that students are reliable sources of information about the quality of our teaching, and the most useful source of ideas about how to improve it!*

(MET Project, 2012; Wilkerson, Manatt, Rogers & Maughanm, 2000)

### Student Feedback

Teachers collect feedback from students regularly throughout the year and the feedback typically focuses on thinking and understanding. We use feedback as a tool to identify the next steps in a learning journey.

In Week 7, staff were prompted to gather feedback from students on seven lessons. The difference with this feedback activity is that students were focusing on the delivery of the content, in addition to how well they understood the content.

Staff analysed responses and then shared the implications for their teaching; discussing what they would do differently after reviewing the feedback. The information allowed teachers to reflect on the opportunities that they provide in their classrooms. A popular theme discussed was engagement and staff gathered data that will assist them with developing personalised learning sequences to finish the year with.

By empowering students with the opportunity to provide feedback on lessons we are learning more about our learners and the way they learn. We can then allow them to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in a variety of ways. We are also learning about our teaching, staff were provided with valuable information about their own strengths and areas for improvement. We believe that effective teachers have high expectations of students and high expectations of themselves and their own learning.

## Principal's News

### Term 4 Network Meeting

27 November, Mr Casham and I attended the Wollongong Network meeting. We continued working on our school evaluation process. We engaged in 'evaluative thinking'. Evaluative thinking is defined as a disciplined approach to reflective practice. We look forward to sharing the process with staff. Once complete the information will be communicated in our Annual Report.

### Revised Kindergarten Best Start

Mrs Chin, Mrs Stone and myself participated in professional learning on 28 November. We had the opportunity to unpack the revised Best Start Assessment. The professional learning involved changes to the assessment process and unpacking of the online assessment tool. The online tool enables teachers to record detailed information about student's current literacy and numeracy skills, knowledge and understanding with information automatically transferred to PLAN2 and mapped to the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions.

### Technology Purchases

This week saw the arrival of Dash and Dot Robotics sets and WeDo Lego products. These resources will allow students to learn by bringing models to life. The sets will enable science and computing skills to be refined and advanced through hands on tasks and real world projects. In an attempt to provide relevant engaging technology, we have also purchased drones for Stage 3 students to program and explore.

### Thank you!

On behalf of the school community I would like to thank every member of our community that has assisted us this year. Schools are exciting, dynamic places with many activities and events scheduled throughout the year. We would like to show a token of our gratitude with a morning tea. If you are able to attend, we welcome your presence. For those of you that are unable to attend, I hope that I am able to see at one of the end of year events so that I can pass on my sincere thanks and appreciation.

**Simone Brett, relieving principal**



### **Scripture Teachers and Parent and Community Helpers Morning Tea**

Please join us for a **Thank You Morning Tea** on Thursday 6 December in the school hall from 11am - 12 noon.

The staff at Nareena Hills Public School would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the time, effort and support you have provided to our school throughout 2018.

To assist with catering please notify the school if you are able to attend.

We look forward to your company.

Teachers and Staff Nareena Hills Public School



## School News

### MESSAGE FROM FIGTREE HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 2019 ADVISERS

#### Figtree High School Year 7 2019 Information Evening



The second information evening for students in Year 6 who will be attending Year 7 2019 at Figtree High School will be on Monday 3 December. The auditorium will open from 5pm where parents can pay for

- school uniform from the suppliers Loews and Poppets
- book packs and collect them
- PE uniforms and collect them
- Teen Ranch camp

If parents are unable to attend between 5 - 6pm these purchases can be made at the front office.

The information session will begin at 6pm sharp and finish at approximately 7pm.

#### Figtree High School Orientation Day for Year 7 2019

Orientation day is being held on Tuesday 4 December. Students must have returned their orientation day permission not (which they should have already received) to the school if they are attending the day. If parents have not returned this note could they please ensure this is brought to the information evening or students will not be able to attend.

At the end of the day, students must be picked up by an adult at the auditorium. If your child is going to be picked up by someone who is not a parent, a permission note stating who is picking them up is required to ensure the safety of students



If you purchase any school uniform from Lowes for the new school year remember to hang onto your receipts and bring them in next year. Place them in the letter box marked "Lowes Receipts" at the front office with your child's name.



#### Student Banking

Next Tuesday 4 December will be the **last** week for student banking this year.

As of 2019 we will be changing to Wednesdays with Week 3 being the first week you will be able to send your child/ren's bank book to the school.

#### MISSING TOY BUNNY

On Friday a bunny was misplaced in Area B. The toy is brand new and much adored. If you think you may have found a bunny that has lost it's owner, please return it to the Office. You will be making a student very happy!

## Canteen

**Term 3**  
**Wednesday 9am - 12pm**

### TERM 4

Week 8  
5 Dec Kaylene Crowe,  
Katrina Harris,  
Bhavani Jayabalan

Week 9  
12 Dec Vanessa Smith,  
Bek Thompson,  
Tess Burgess,  
Deb Murray

Week 10  
**CANTEEN  
CLOSED**

**Thursday 9am - 12pm**

### TERM 4

Week 8  
6 Dec Kelly Lazicic,  
Alannah Tagliapietra,  
Sue Haddon,  
Susan Jackson

Week 9  
13 Dec Christine Gregory,  
Kylie Evans-Locke,  
Kaylene Herald

**Friday 9am-12pm**

### TERM 4

Week 8  
7 Dec Amanda Schipp,  
Leisa Zaharis,  
Ally Horneman

Week 9  
14 Dec Lorraine Giatras,  
Amanda Schipp,  
Ally Horneman

## Signature Bears

There are a limited number of Signature Bears available for purchase at the canteen for \$15.00. A great idea for Year 6 students to create memories.



## Upcoming Payments



R-Star Performance - Illawarra Performing Arts Centre  
Tuesday 11 December  
\$6.50 by Monday 10 December



Stage 1 Sports Hub - University of Wollongong  
Friday 14 December  
\$17.00 by Friday 7 December



Stage 2 Movie Excursion - Greater Union Shellharbour  
Tuesday 18 December  
\$25.00 by 11 December

## Next Assemblies

### Term 4

#### Week 8

Tuesday 4 Dec - Year 5 Class Item and ICAS  
English, Spelling and  
Writing Certificates

#### Week 9

**Monday** 10 Dec - ROSA Assembly

## Leaving/Enrolling in 2019



We are currently looking at our classes for 2019.

At the end of each year, we have a number of families who leave our school for various reasons. If you know your child will not be a part of this school in 2019, it will assist our planning enormously if you could let the school know.

This also applies if you or someone you know will be enrolling a new student in 2019.

Please contact the school office as soon as possible.

# LEAVING SCHOOL

# ENROLL TODAY!

## FOUND

A watch with a large face and brown band has been handed into the front office.

If you think it maybe yours please call into the office.



## Educational Partners



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