



"Working Together to Succeed"

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Principal's Report

It is the end of an epic term of learning and teaching. Hats off to everyone for their effort, persistence and resilience. There was a lot learned throughout this term not only by teachers and students, but I am sure all parents/carers have learned a little more about their child/ren as well. There were many challenges and great takeaways from this term; for me personally it was about how much I enjoyed having time with my own children, how adaptable our students were and how amazing all our staff are at Narrawong District Primary School, I could not have been prouder. So with all this in mind I say thank you. Thank you to each and every one of you that contributed to making this a successful term, rather than a lost one.

Reports have gone out today, with each child doing their own reflection of their online learning experiences. Some are very funny, insightful and/or honest, they certainly enjoyed the endless eating that was available to them whilst at home. Please talk with your student/s about their reports and in particular their effort and behaviour marks.

Just so you are aware of the scales we used to make judgements on effort and behaviour; here are the percentages we equated to each level.

Excellent: 96-100%

Very Good: 80-95%

Good 65-79%

Needs Improvement: 50-64%

Unacceptable: Less than 49% of the time

Attendance data was once again put into the reports, please remember if your child did not complete any work or check in/out on particular days during online and flexible learning, then they were marked absent for that day.

Students should arrive at school between 8.45 and 8.55 am and will be allowed to enter the buildings at 9 am.

Please note students are NOT actively supervised until 8.45

Bank Details

To pay fees online just put surname in the details line
BSB 06 3536
a/c Number
1006 1293

Important Dates

June

Thur. 25th

Last day of term for students.

Fri. 26th

Last day of term for staff.
Student free day.

July

Mon. 13th

First day of term 3

Thu 23rd

School Council

August 13th

Photo Day

August 27th

School Council

Sept

Fri. 4th

Curriculum Day

Prin. Report cont.,

Robyn sent out invoices to all families to update you all on where you sit with money owing for school fees, swimming (Yr 4/5/6) and any uniforms that have been purchased. A lot of you will have received a 0 (zero) balance on your account. If you still have money owing, please contact Robyn if you need to set up a payment plan to assist you with this; or simply pay the required amount, thank you.

School Council met last Thursday night. Many things were discussed and decided at this meeting. Here is a rundown of what you need to know;

- Gunditjmarra Language & Cultural Common Curriculum Day: Friday 4th September. This day will be for several schools in the Portland area to meet and learn/share a resource that a group of Principals have been working on alongside Aunty Di and Uncle Daryl to bring Indigenous Culture and Language to the forefront of our Curriculum delivery.
- We have begun setting up “working parties” for different areas of the school and all that that entails. Sarah Aley has volunteered to lead our Buildings and Grounds Group, Gerri Torpy has agreed to be our new Parent Volunteer Coordinator, and we are still on the lookout for those interested in starting a Parents Group/ Parents Committee (whatever name you would like to call it). This group would not only be about fundraising, but play a pivotal role in welcoming new families and creating opportunities for all our families to socialise together (when restrictions ease). If you would like to be part of this group, please let me know and maybe we can get something up and going that has benefits for all. Alternatively, if you would like to take part in our Buildings and Grounds working party (it doesn’t require you to do all the work, just be there to support it happening, work in a group to achieve our Master Plan which will be a major part of the group’s work for 2020) please let Sarah or myself know.
- At the Finance Meeting, it was decided that the Yr 4/5/6 families who paid their swimming fees for Term 1 will be given a \$20 credit onto their school account due to the students missing out on the final 2 sessions due to COVID -19.

Please remember to speak to a School Councillor if you would like more information or would like them to raise something at our meeting. They will be able to tell you if it is a “Kate” question or a School Council question.

Prin. Report cont.,

PJ day: Our Student Leaders are planning a Pyjama Day for the first Friday back of term 3. More information will follow on this.

Enrolments: If you or someone you know has a Foundation child starting next year and is in our local area, please come and get an Enrolment Form or Information Booklet. Although we are unable to provide tours at this point in time, I am more than happy to talk over the phone or conduct an online meeting with those interested.

Please stay safe and healthy over the holidays; it has certainly been a big one and I for one know that on the first Monday of the holidays there will be 4 Andersons (and one puppy) not moving very far or doing very much at all. See you all on Monday 13th July.
Kate



Reminders

Parent Payments

Please pay these as soon as possible. They can either be paid by bank transfer (bank details are on front of newsletter) or cash or cheque to the office.

School Uniform

Please make sure all uniform payments have been made .



July 2nd

Cameron Botiica

July 9th

Khloe Pettingill

Scarlet Torpey



Kids Help Line  Kids Helpline

KHL is Australia's only free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25. Talking with KHL can help.

We're here 24/7. Any time. Any reason.

Free call 1800 55 1800 or online www.kidshelpline.com.au

Email:

*narrowong.ps
@education.vic.gov.au*

Come to our

Pyjama day



Wear your pyjamas to school on the first Friday of term 3.

Gold coin donation.

We will be donating the money to food share, a food bank that stores non-perishable foods and gives them to people in need. Around 940,000 Australian children have gone hungry in the last 12 months. That just isn't fair. Do you think that those 940,000 children deserve to starve?

Absolutely not!

You don't have to wear your pyjamas, but, we would love it if you did !! (also including oodies).

