



NARELLAN VALE NEWS

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Thursday 30th November 2017

Term 4 Week 8

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

I was extremely proud of our dancers on Friday night when I had the pleasure of attending the 2017 School Spectacular 'Own the Moment'. Congratulations to our talented dancers and to Mrs Gasson and Mrs Cook for the coordination and limitless hours you gave to support the dancers. If you didn't attend the School Spectacular over the weekend, it's not too late as you can watch it broadcasted on Channel 7 on the 16th December. It truly is a showcase of the talented students across NSW Public Schools.

CHINESE STUDENTS STUDY TOUR

NVPS will be hosting visiting students and teachers from China next February. We will be seeking host families who are able to provide a bed and three meals a day to the students. Further information and details will be provided to those interested early in the new year.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION EVENING AND PRESENTATION DAY

A note went out last week inviting you to our Annual Presentation Event/s. You will have noticed we are holding our 3-6 Presentation Evening at Elizabeth Macarthur High School to enable as many parents and friends to attend as possible. There will be no limit to the number of parents/grandparents that are invited to attend. We decided to trial the High School as the venue for this special event.

Our K-2 Presentation Assembly will be held in our school hall on Wednesday 6th December at 9:30am.

Each class will have six award recipients in the categories of Academic Excellence, Citizenship, Most Improved and three teacher's choice awards. Unfortunately, it is not possible for every student to receive an end of year award. However, as we always say and continue to reinforce, it is very important for all students to participate and give their very best to all endeavours.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION



*Welcome
Glad you're here!*

Last Thursday was the last of our series of Kindergarten Orientation mornings. We have 103 eager children ready to join us in 2018. It is not too late to enrol your child if they are turning five before 31st July 2018 and they are ready in terms of school readiness. Please get an enrolment form from our front office if you or a friend or neighbour has a school age child.

ZONKA DAY



Last Wednesday our Year 6 teachers and students coordinated NVPS's Year 6 Fundraiser. Students played games, entered lucky draws and competitions, purchased showbags and much more. All of the funds raised goes towards Year 6 Farewell. Thank you to Mrs Robinson for coordinating 2017 Zonka

Day! It was a huge success and loads of fun! Macarthur

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Chronicle came out to take a few photos and learn about Zonka Day so keep a look out for NVPS featuring in Snap Sydney.

REPORTS AND 2018 CLASSES

Preparations are well underway for 2018 planning and teachers are busy writing reports and discussing classes for next year. Reports will be sent home in Week 10.

We will endeavour to have classes formed and ready for the start of next year but the structure is dependent on the number of students enrolled. If numbers are not stable at the start of the year, we may need to begin with temporary classes for the first couple of days. This is not my preferred choice and your help in informing us of any possible moves and those who will not be attending NVPS in 2018 is extremely important.

When forming classes we are always mindful of placing students with teachers and in classes where their needs will be best catered for and with at least one student who they have a social connection and work well with. We appreciate you trusting our professional judgement in regards to this matter. Should there be any special circumstances that either myself or the Deputy Principal need to be made aware of then please do not hesitate to make contact with us.

P&C GATHERING

I had the pleasure of attending our final P&C Meeting/Gathering for the end of 2017 last week. It was a lovely evening and we had the opportunity to thank the hardworking group of parents who represent you, our parents and carers of NVPS. We hope to engage even more parents for 2018 and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our first meeting next year on Wednesday 7th February 2018.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Mrs Prue Wernicke has been employed as our Community Liaison Officer and she has done a fantastic job keeping you informed of happenings at our school and been the conduit between our community members and staff. Unfortunately, Prue has resigned and will finish up in this role at the end of the school year. We will be advertising for a CLO in the near future. Prue's role has included the publication of newsletters, our website, Skoolbag app in addition to

keeping a regular eye on our Facebook page. Prue's support has been invaluable and we will miss her in this role. However, I am pleased to say Prue plans to continue as our P&C President if re-elected and hopes to be involved in the P&C next year. Thank you for your hardwork and support this year Prue!

LEADERSHIP AND SPEECHMAKING COURSE



Twenty one students from years 4, 5 and 6 who had demonstrated an interest and ability in public speaking were selected to participate in a Leadership and Speechmaking course this term.

The program was devised and conducted by Mrs Sue Davies with assistance from Mrs Jackson and is based on a Toastmasters program.

Over the 90 minutes of each session the students gave prepared and impromptu speeches and practised the various leadership roles and responsibilities involved with running a meeting.

The group was extremely impressive, with every student demonstrating good thinking skills, great listening skills, improved speaking skills and an ability to work in a collaborative manner.

Their evaluations of each speaker's efforts were particularly mature and supportive.

On Tuesday, 25 family members had the opportunity to attend and be impressed by the final meeting where the students were also presented with their certificates of achievement.

The students rated the course as very informative and helpful and also a lot of fun.

Mrs Jackson

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SAVE THE DATE - AUSTRALIA DAY MARCH - CAMDEN

Our school will be participating in the Australia Day March in Camden on Friday 26th January 2018. Students are welcome to join in the celebrations with our school. A note will be sent home with more information.

YEAR 3 CAMP TO YARRAMUNDI

Today our Year 3 students headed off to their first school camp at Yarramundi near Richmond. Students are looking forward to a range of activities including a river walk, flying fox, giant swing and rock climbing to name a few. They will be returning to school on Friday 1st December at 4pm.

URGENT REMINDER ABOUT THE STAFF CARPARK

Please note that our staff carpark is strictly limited to staff during the hours of 7:30am – 5pm. The gates will be locked throughout the day. I am sure you will all understand that this is done in the interest of student safety.

STUDENTS LEAVING NVPS

As we move into our planning phase for 2018, if you have a student at NVPS who is NOT in Year 6 and will not be returning to us next year, would you please let us know. The number of students at our school affects the planning for classes, teachers and school programs. The earlier we have information, the better. Please write a note to your child's teacher or drop it into the office.

SPORTS REPORT



Yesterday we held a Mufti Day to support Joel Byrne who has been selected in the PSSA State Softball Team. Students wore their favourite sports jersey and colours to support Joel. The mufti day raised \$795.

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DEBATING SHOWCASE TO CURRAN PUBLIC SCHOOL



Narellan Vale Public School's debating teams hosted a demonstration debate today for Curran Public School. The debaters from NVPS worked closely with the debaters from Curran Public School to create, plan and deliver a debate to the Stage 3 students at NVPS. Curran Public School students were able to learn and acquire the skills and knowledge needed to become effective debaters as a result of the demonstration debate. The students enjoyed networking with each other.

Mrs Hamka

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR, FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER

Year 6 students and parents watch the Year 6 DVD at 2pm in the hall, followed by whole school tunnel to farewell our Year 6 students.

UNIFORM SHOP

The last date for online ordering for the end of the year will be Wednesday 13th December to guarantee delivery before the end of term.

The uniform shop will re-open on Monday 29th January 2019 (Pupil Free Day) and throughout the Kindergarten 2018 Best Start Days, times to be confirmed.

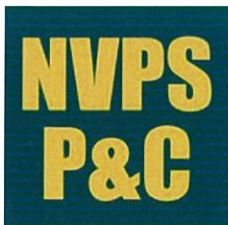
SCHOOL SPECTACULAR EXCURSION



Last week Mrs Samantha Gasson and I had the absolute pleasure of accompanying our 13 talented Spec Troupe dancers to Qudos Arena for "production week".

After hours, days and weeks of rehearsing both at school and combined at Homebush, we performed in four shows. Our dancers were thrilled to see their school mates who attended Friday's preview show, whose pride and joy was equal to our performers. Miss Hamka and Mrs Pikula were blown away by the show. It has been an exceptional experience and we are so very proud of all our kids. A massive production with so many elements. Our students were grateful and beyond excited to be part of it all.

Ms Bronwyn Cook and Mrs Sam Gasson.

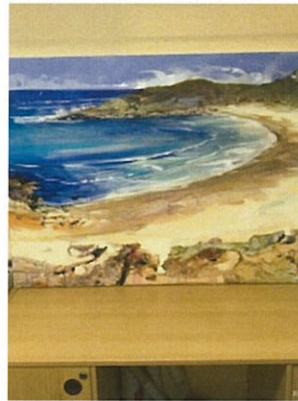


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ARTIST IN RESIDENCE



Prize winning artist, Ken Tucker, painted a canvas beach scene which is our raffle prize. Tickets are available at the office and a small book has been sent home. Please let us know should you require additional tickets. The raffle is being drawn in week 9 at our 3-6 Presentation Evening.

COLOURING COMPETITION



Our Sponsor Achieve Martial Arts are running a colouring competition. Every valid entry will earn our P&C \$1. Age category prizes are \$100 Target vouchers. Entries are due to the front office by tomorrow, Friday 1st December.

GREEN TEAM



to the parents and staff for all the wonderful donations.

Green Team would like to say a huge thank you to all of the students who came to our Green team Christmas sale over the past 3 weeks. Thank you

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Well done to the Green Team Seniors for running the sales. Congratulations to our Raffle winners; Eve and Mia in 1/2A and Patrick in 1P. Thank you.



Mrs Grimwood – Green Team Coordinator

TOYS AND TUCKER

Thank you to the families who supported the Toys N Tucker drive. The donations have now been collected and will be greatly appreciated by those who will be receiving the donations.

THE NVPS Student Representative Council Team 2017.



Dates for the Calendar

Week 8

Thursday 30th November

Year 3 Camp Yarramundi. Students need to arrive to school at 7:45am.

Friday 1st December

Year 3 Camp Yarramundi. Students will return no later than 4pm. If there are any changes you will be notified through the SKOOLBAG app.

Year 5 Taste of High School Day permission note due.

Week 9

Tuesday 5th December

Year 5 Taste of High School Day
Year 6 High School Orientation Day
Make Up Gymnastics Lessons K-2

Wednesday 6th December

K-2 Presentation Assembly 9:30am

Thursday 7th December

Primary Presentation Evening 6:30 – 8pm

Kindergarten Dance Group Bunnings Performance.

Week 10

Monday 11th December

Parent Helper Thank You Morning Tea

Tuesday 12th December

Year 6 Graduation 9.30am Hall

Kindergarten Graduation 11:45am Hall

Year 6 Farewell 6pm, Camden Lakeside Country Club

Wednesday 13th December

Year 6 Beach Day

Friday 15th December

Last Day of School Year.

Saturday 16th December

Schools Spectacular televised on Channel 7

Students in Years 1-6 2018 return to school Tuesday 30th January. Students will assemble in Area A in their 2017 Class groups.

Kindergarten 2018 starts on Monday 5th February, students and parents will meet in the hall for a formal welcome and details of organisation for the start of their school journey





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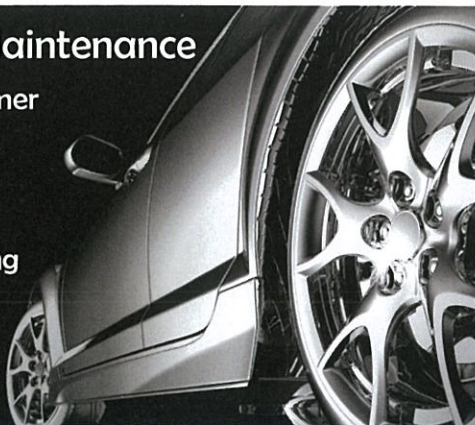
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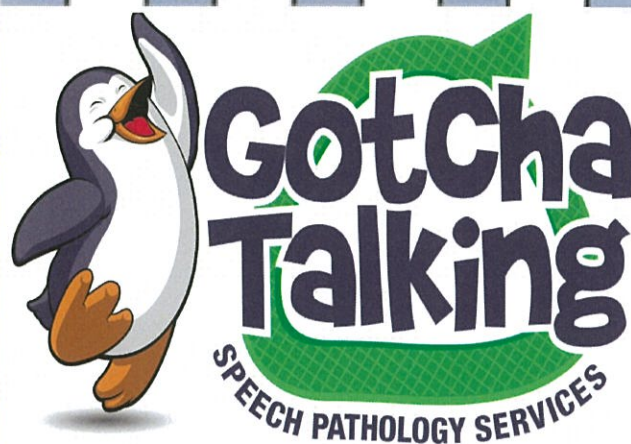
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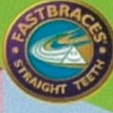
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