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# Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a couple of very exciting weeks at NVPS. Last Wednesday 22 February, we had our Competitors Swimming Carnival at Picton Pools. Many thanks to Mrs Maclou for organising this well-run event. Thank you also to Miss Becher, Mrs Grainger and the parents who helped on the day.

The students back at school loved the Water Fun Day coordinated by Mrs Ng. Although the weather was cooler than it had been, the students all enjoyed the activities including a water safety talk and ice block eating!

We were pleased to host our first Barbeque for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families on Monday. Thanks Mrs. Cibilic-the sausages on a roll were a hit!

It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and friends attend our first Whole School Assembly this week as we recognised our PBL Award Winners.

This week students met their Elizabeth Macarthur High School mentor who will work with them each week, teaching them about peer support and getting along together. These sessions will be facilitated on a weekly basis.

Two of our Year 5 class Student Parliament representatives, Lucinda and Connor have been selected as members of the School Aid KAT (Kids Ambassador Team). They will attend meetings in the city with ambassadors from other schools with Mrs Ng and learn about how NVPS can give back and take action to help others in need. I know they will commence a fundraising project to help the earthquake victims of Syria and Turkey in the coming weeks.

A huge congratulations to all student parliament representatives in grades 2-6. We received a very kind donation of a table tennis table. We would like to thank our parents for helping with the organisation. We purchased an additional two table tennis tables as part of helping keep our students engaged and having fun at break times. We are looking forward to many more playground activities and games.

A reminder that School Photographs will be taken on Monday 6 March and special group photos are scheduled for the following week. Please send your child in full uniform.

Until the next edition. Take care and kindest regards, Michelle Sarjana

### 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

# Term 1

# March

6<sup>th</sup> School Photos

7<sup>th</sup> Zone Swimming Carnival

8<sup>th</sup> Student Leaders - Grip

Conference

14<sup>th</sup> Sibling Photos

14<sup>th</sup> Regional Swimming

Carnival

20<sup>th</sup> 3-Way Conferences

27<sup>th</sup> 3-Way Conferences

31<sup>st</sup> Autism Awareness Day

#### April

5<sup>th</sup> Easter Hat Parade

On behalf of the Narellan Vale family, together we pay respects to our Elders past, present and emerging.
We learn and grow on the lands of the Dharawal people who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we learn upon.
We promise to care for the flora and

fauna of the Dharawal lands. We acknowledge all members of the Narellan Vale community.

#### WHO IS WHO - Staff

My Name is Lee
Marshall. I have been
at Narellan Vale Public
school for three years.
You will find me down
in the Support Unit. I
am the School
Learning Support
Officer for Purple
class. I have been
working with children
for over 15 years.



I have 2 children of my own, 1 dog and 1 cat. My favorite colour is Purple, my hobbies are scrapbooking and photography. I love spending time with family. I really enjoying working at Narellan Vale Public school with all our amazing teachers and I am looking forward to a great year.



Hi my name is Kellie Henry and this year I am teaching Year 3 with Mrs Bickhoff. I have been teaching for 30 years and I have been lucky enough to spend 20 of them here at Narellan Vale where I have been a part of this wonderful community. All 3 of my children have enjoyed attending this school and the high school next door.

Teaching and spending time with my family are two of my favourite things. I also enjoy swimming and stretching out and practising Yin Yoga for relaxation. Kayaking is another sport I love to do with my family because you can get really close to marine life and be part of nature. My husband and daughter started surfing four years ago with me. We spend most weekends chasing waves. If we are lucky, we get to paddle with dolphins and the occasional seal. I have four grandchildren with whom I spend as much time as I can with every week and I absolutely love walking our miniature poodles Ollie and Lily.

#### WHO IS WHO - Student Leaders

Name: Ruby Fagredine

Role in the Leadership team: School Captain
Hobbies/Interests: I love playing Netball, baking
cakes and dessert foods, pool and beach
swimming and listening to music.

What do you bring to the school in your leadership role? I am a very friendly student who gets along well with all the teachers and my peers. I bring maturity and great leadership skills to my role, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the jobs I have been given so far and can't wait to see what the year brings.

Dreams for the future? I hope to be a great school captain this year. When I am older, I hope to be a primary school teacher.

Message to NVPS Students: I feel very honoured to be your captain this year and I will try my very best to do an amazing job. I will always be available for anything if you need me. I am always happy to try to help you out. Feel free to say hi if you see me in the playground.

#### **FAREWELL MRS HAWKINS**



We farewelled Mrs Hawkins who is now working for the Department of Education writing teaching and learning units based on the new English and Mathematics syllabus

documents. We will miss Mrs Hawkins, but she has promised NVPS that she will return often and her contract with DoE is for three years.

#### **P&C MEETING**

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the P&C AGM Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March in the staffroom at 6.30pm.



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 Term 1 – Week 6

#### LIFE EDUCATION

A note was sent home last week about Life Education visiting our school again this year. Life Ed visit and conduct very important lessons about being healthy and staying safe



on the internet. I strongly encourage you to give your child permission to attend this very worthwhile program.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION



A gentle reminder that unfortunately parents are not able to use the service driveway which is the first

driveway before arriving at school. This needs to be kept clear at all times in the interest of safety.

#### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**



Thank you to those families that have already sent in voluntary contributions.
These funds help us provide additional resources for our

students and school. We do understand that not all families can afford to pay the \$48.00 but for those who can, we greatly appreciate your help!

#### THREE WAY CONFERENCES



Three Way Conferences will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> March. We would like all parents/carers to bring their child to meet with their teacher and hear about their learning, goals and achievements so far this year. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions about your child at this conference too!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**



Congratulations to Amara T and Georgia H on making the Macarthur PSSA Basketball Team to compete at the upcoming Regional Championships.

Congratulations to the following students who will represent NVPS at the upcoming Macarthur PSSA Swimming Championships.

Anderson	2C
Robert	2M
Dominic	4F
Harrison	6H
Boyd	3H
Lucas	4F
Cooper	4F
Elijah	5S
Sonny	5S
Cameron	6W
Peter	6W
William	4TR
Flynn	5N
Ruby	3H
Kaley	3H
Addison	4TR
Stephanie	3H
Evelyn	4M
Chelsea	4M
Makenzi	4TR
Ella	4F
Sienna	6H
Aniela	5S
Elisabeth	5\6P
Hannah	6H
Hayley	6H
Georgia	6M

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