Well done to 3/4 JM, Mrs Jordan and Mrs McPhee for their outstanding assembly item performance. I know my congratulations are a little late but as the saying goes...better late than never. The item featured many budding stars and lots of obvious talent! A great start to the year.

A special congratulations to all of the students who raced at the District Swimming Carnival. The weather was perfect and Nareena Hills Public School students swam very competitively. Our school placed second overall due to the great team spirit demonstrated by all students.

Congratulations to Matilda for her outstanding personal success of being crowned District Senior Girls Champion.

Process for Parent/Teacher Appointments

Thank you to the parents who contact the school and arrange an appointment to talk to their child’s teacher regarding concerns or issues. While we do have an open door policy teachers need time in the mornings from 8:30 am to prepare for the day ahead, or to ensure that they are on playground duty. Teachers also have meetings such as Communication meetings, Staff meetings, Stage meetings and Learning and Support Team meetings that they are expected to attend before and after school. If teachers are aware that they have an appointment they will organise their time appropriately to meet with parents or carers at a mutually convenient time.

Should you need to discuss concerns regarding your child please make an appointment at the front office.

Step 1: Contact the office to make an appointment with class teacher
Step 2: Meet with class teacher
Step 3: If unhappy with outcome of meeting, make an appointment to see Stage Supervisor with responsibility for your child’s grade.

The Stage Supervisors are:
K-2 Mrs Cameron
Years 3 –4 Mr Kerin (Mon, Tues ,Wed) and Mrs Jordan (Thursday, Friday)
Years 5 –6 Mrs Brett

Step 4: Make an appointment to see Mrs Coltman if issue is still not resolved.

Your support with this process is appreciated.

Mrs Giselle Coltman
Principal
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News from the Library

Premier’s Reading Challenge.
PRC registration opens today and all students are encouraged to participate. Use your school login and password to access your record page.
A Personal Reading Log can also be downloaded if you would like keep a paper copy of the books you have read. There is also a list of the exciting books that have been added to the list this year.
All the information and instructions for the challenge can be found at https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
Happy reading,
Mrs Relf

Regional Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who will be competing in the Regional Carnival tomorrow:
Matilda, Freya , Darcy , Alyssa, Erica, Kaiah .
Senior Boys Relay Team:  Jye, Dalton , Darcy, Jeremy .
Senior Girls Relay Team:  Matilda, Emmerson, Emma, Kaiah .

School Assembly

This week 2L will present their item commencing at 2.15 p.m.

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Fundraising Reminder

Dear Family and Friends
In our efforts to improve services and facilities for all our members of Nareena Hills Public School, we have a continuing requirement to raise funds throughout the year. These fundraising efforts are very reliant on the support of the community and our families - so your participation is vital to us!
The P & C together with the Fundraising Committee has decided to run a Supa Slice fundraising drive and all children were issued with an order form last week.
The products are of a high quality and sell for $5 - $8.50. The treats are baked fresh, wrapped and sealed and the slices come packaged in a Deco container - which is great value for money!
Complete your fundraising and return your money and order forms to the P & C box by THIS FRIDAY 8 March.
Should you require a list of ingredients or more order forms, please collect from the school office.
Once again, thank you for your continued support!

Term 1 - Money Jar Fundraiser
This term students are asked to donate 5, 10 and 20 cent coins to the school as a fundraising activity. Each class will have a jar in their room for students to donate their 5, 10 or 20 cent coins each day. Some classes may keep a daily running tally of the amount being donated while others may choose to wait till the end of the week for a tally after the funds have been collected by the P & C.
The money jar fundraiser will start next week - Monday 4 March and conclude Friday 7 April.

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 6 March: Paula Moss, Alison Errey, Natalie Nicastri, Danielle Pierce
Thursday 7 March: Kelly Lazicic, Cindy Churchin, Maree Muller, Alannah Tagliapietra

Community Notices

ADHD Support Group - A Workshop with Paula Tazzyman, Paediatric Dietitian 20 March
Last day for Dance Audition for WHSPA - 8 March
Last day for Instrumental Audition for WHSPA - 3 April
Last day for Visual Arts Audition for WHSPA - 4 April
Newsletter/ School Website Message 2: School Banking is coming soon!

Every child must eventually learn that Mum and Dad are not the bank! The good news is Nareena Hills is interested in participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to help develop these important savings skills. School Banking also includes a fantastic Rewards Program to encourage good individual saving habits.

Every time students make a deposit at school they receive a Dollarmites token which can be redeemed for a range of exciting reward items in recognition of their regular savings. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool gifts.

Our school would really like to actively participate in this program that will teach our children how to save regularly - an important habit to get into! All we need to get this great program started is a volunteer parent or grandparent to be the School Banking Co-ordinator. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

The Commonwealth Bank provides support to our School Banking Co-ordinators with the running of the program. When children make their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive $5 commission. School Banking will also match 5% of each additional deposit and give that to the school in commission.

Please indicate if you are interested in seeing school banking introduced or volunteering for this great program by filling in the tear off section below and returning it to the box outside the AP’s Office by Friday 22 March.

Please tick the appropriate

Yes, I would like to see School Banking introduced

And,

I would be interested in helping with School Banking!

Name: _____________________________________
Phone: _____________________________________
Email: ______________________________________
Availability: __________________________________
Room to Read Project

Last year students at Nareena Hills, along with many other organisations, supported the Room to Read fund raising project. The funds raised were used to support part of this project.