A huge thank you to Mrs Thompson for her organisation of the Nareena Hills Public school Futsal teams. Thank you also to Mr Haines for his organisation of the Stage 3 teams and to all of the parents who volunteered to coach and transport students. It’s great to have such community spirit!

Assembly
Unfortunately I was not able to attend assembly on Wednesday afternoon, however, I heard via the grapevine that 2L’s assembly item was terrific! Well done to Mrs Larkin and 2L.

Principals Conference
On Thursday and Friday of last week I attended what will be the last Illawarra and South East Region Principal’s conference where I had the opportunity to listen to some inspiring educators. As always the conference was incredibly motivating!

Bullying—NO GO TELL
Bullying can be defined as repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyber-bullying refers to bullying through information and communications technology.

Students must develop strategies to assist them in situations that make them feel unsafe. At school students are taught the NO GO TELL strategy. Please reinforce this strategy with your children at home:

No - Stop interfering in our game Billy.

Go - If possible move to another area.

Tell - “Billy I have asked you to stop, now I am going to tell the teacher”.

Students must use this strategy to ensure timely support and action.

Nareena Hills Public School has a zero tolerance policy to bullying behaviours.

The Selective High Schools Placement Test - Thursday 14 March.
On the 14 March over 13 400 students will be sitting the Selective High Schools Placement Test at 144 test centres across NSW.

Year 6 students from Nareena Hills Public School who previously applied to sit the selective high school placement test have already received information regarding details of the placement test, which is to be held at Smiths Hills High School. I wish the students well in this highly competitive assessment process.

Mrs Giselle Coltman
Principal
University Competitions

A reminder that money for the Computer Skills, Science, Writing, Spelling, English, Mathematics University competitions is due by the 28 March. Remember no late entries can be accepted.
Extra copies of the note can be obtained from the school office foyer or download from the website.

School Assembly

This week’s Assembly is a Communication Assembly commencing at 2.30pm.

2013 School Cross Country

Jog, Jog, Jog! It’s great to see so many of our students training at home and at school for the Cross Country on Friday 22 March. The carnival promises to be lots of fun with age races, AFL development officers and fun activities arranged for the students. The P & C are organising a BBQ for the students. (A separate information note will go home about this by the P & C).

We ask that all children come dressed in their sports uniform and their house coloured T-Shirt. Please wear a hat, sunscreen and bring along plenty to eat and drink. You may also like to bring a towel to sit on.

This Friday we will have sports House meetings so that our new students, including the Kindergarten children, know what is expected of them at the Cross Country Carnival. Our House Captains will run the meetings along with the teachers.

Mr Haines and I will be setting up the course early on Friday 22 March. If you would like to give us a hand we would love to see you at about 7.45am on the school oval. We will also need a few parents to help Mrs Coltman with the judging and some parents to help stamp the children’s hands as they complete their laps. If you would like to help us on the day please let Mrs Rickersey know or simply turn up on the day.

I have attached an overview of the day to this newsletter. Please note that all times are approximate, but we will do our best to keep to the set times.

I am looking forward to a fun filled day. Good luck to every student participating. I hope everyone does their very best.

Mrs Jordan
**Cross Country Program**

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| 9.30 -10.20      | 12 years girls  
12 years boys  
11 years girls  
11 years boys | 5, 6, 7 years |
| 10.20 – 10.30    | Presentation of ribbons for 12 and 11 years | |
| 10.30 – 11.20    | 10 years girls  
10 year boys  
8 and 9 years girls  
8 and 9 years boys  
(8 and 9 year olds will run together as this is what is required at the District carnival. We will allocate 1st, 2nd and 3rd places though to each age group separately at our school carnival) | 11, 12 years |
| 11.20 -11.30     | Presentation of ribbons for 10, 9 and 8 years | |
| 11.30 – 11.50    | Recess | |
| 11.50- 12.40     | 7 years girls  
7 years boys  
6 years girls  
6 years boys  
5 years girls  
5 years boys | 8, 9, 10 years |
| 12.40- 12.50     | Presentation of ribbons for 5, 6, 7 years old | |
| 12.50 – 1.00     | Eating time on the hill – All teachers to supervise | |
| 1.00- 1.25       | First lunch | |
| 1.25-1.50        | Second Lunch | |
| 1.50 – 3.00      | Teachers and children are back in their classrooms for the afternoon. | |

Please note all times are **approximate**. We will do our very best to run races at the allocated times.
School Contributions

Thank you to the many families who have already paid their voluntary school contributions. Each year families are asked to support the school through the Voluntary Contribution program. Our contributions for 2013 remain the same as last year - $30 per student or $60 per family (with two or more children attending the school).

Funds raised from the Voluntary Contributions go towards resources directly linked to the teaching and learning programs at the school and ultimately towards supporting the students at Nareena Hills Public School.

Please put your contributions in an envelope (with your family name and child's class on the outside and marked 'Voluntary Contributions') and drop it in the collection box on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

I understand that most families would like to help, but finding this amount of money in one hit may be difficult. To help this, we have organised a split payment method again this year. Families can pay $20 per term (for family contributions) or $10 per term (if you have only one child attending our school).

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 13 March: Catherine Robinson, Susie Caroutas, Linda Villella, Chris Finley, Sarah Allen
Thursday 14 March: Natalie Brunker, Megan Arthur, Kate Johnson, Michelle Tozzi

Community Notices

Wollongong Botanic Gardens - School Holiday Program
Stingrays Girls Football Clinic - School Holidays
Office of Sport & Recreation - Sport & Recreation Training Courses