From the Principal

I hope that everyone had a lovely Easter break and that you were able to catch up with family and friends celebrating this special time of the year. As always it seems the school term is rolling on at a very fast pace!

Staff news
Mrs Sharon Titus has been appointed to Nareena Hills Public School as a classroom teacher. Mrs Titus’ substantive position is classroom teacher at Warrawong Public School, however, she has been seconded by the region and is employed as a regional Language, Learning and Literacy facilitator. As a result, Mrs Titus will not take up her position until 2014. I look forward to Mrs Titus taking up her position at our school. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise.

This means that Miss Gibson will remain at Nareena Hills Public School until the end of the year! Win Win!

Early Arrival at School
Over the last couple of weeks we have had a number of students arrive at school before 8:30 am. As a working parent myself, I understand how difficult drop off and pick up times can be, however, students are not to be at school prior to 8:30 am due to lack of teacher supervision.

Parents are kindly asked to make alternative arrangements for their children to ensure their own child’s safety and well being.
While there are always teachers at school well before 8:30 am they are not on playground duty until 8:30 am.

I appreciate your support regarding this matter, as the safety of your children is most important.

Figtree High School Year 7 Scholarship - 2014
Once again, Figtree High School is offering one scholarship for each of the primary schools in the Figtree Community of Schools. The scholarship is for a student who will attend Figtree High School in Year 7 2014. For further information regarding the scholarship and the application process please see Mrs Rickersey at the front office.

Applications are due by the end of Term 2.

Mrs Giselle Coltman
Principal
Library News

Once again we are seeking help to cover our new classroom sets of readers. If you can help please call at the library or send a message with your child.

Thank you, Mrs Relf

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 3 April: Paula Moss, Alison Errey, Natalie Nicastri, Danielle Pierce
Thursday 4 April: Kelly Lazicic, Cindy Churchin, Maree Muller, Alannah Tagliapietra

Community Notices

WEP Experiences - Hosting overseas students.
Free workshop for parents with young or school aged children re Food Waste Weigh You Down.
Holiday activities at Sydney Olympic Park.
Merrigong Theatre - April School holidays at the IPAC.

Sporting Achievements

We have many students who have been selected in various District and Zone teams. They are:
Netball Trials: Emmerson, Tazmin, Georgia, Matilda, Zoe
Soccer Central District Team: Tim, Jacob
Girls Soccer: Alana, Alison
AFL: Isaak, Darcy
Rugby League Opens Nth Illawarra Zone: Luke
Soccer Nth Illawarra Zone: Tim
Tennis: Luke

School Assembly

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

ANZAC Day Service

The school’s ANZAC Day service will be held on Wednesday 10 April at 2.00 pm. The SRC students will be presenting the school service with guest speaker Lieutenant Commander Ross Bowden from the Royal Australian Navy. I would like to thank Lieutenant Commander Bowden for his acceptance to attend. Please keep this date free in your diary.

The ANZAC Service at the Wollongong Cenotaph will be held on Thursday 9 May at 10.00 am. Two SRC representatives will be selected to represent our school at this service. They will be accompanied by Mrs Stone and Mrs Coltman.
At our last meeting, the following people were elected to Executive positions on our P & C for 2013:

President: Vanessa Glasgow
Vice president: Brad Kendon and Audine Jones
Secretary: Andrew Edwards
Treasurer: Alison Giobbi

Congratulations to these people and on behalf of the school community, thank you for the extra commitment you are prepared to make for our students.

A special thank you to Mrs Natalie Nicastri who had to stand down as the P and C treasurer after holding this position for three years. She made an outstanding contribution to the P and C and her expertise will be greatly missed.

2012 - 2013 Fundraising

In 2012, the P and C set a fundraising target of $30 000 over a two year period. In 2012 the P and C managed to raise $17 000 which funded the installation of an interactive whiteboard in the new demountable, wireless access points in the hall and staffroom, sunshade marquee and the purchase of books to support all students K - 6.

This year the P and C aims to hold at least one major fundraiser or a few minor fundraisers each term and again dedicate the funds to the purchase of resources to support the students at Nareena Hills Public School.

Planned Fundraising Activities for 2013:
Term 1 - Slice Drive, Silver Coin money Jar, Cross Country BBQ.
Term 2 - To be determined.
Term 3 - Maths-a-thon in Education week.
Term 4 - To be determined.

All fundraising ideas will be greatly received. New members are always welcome to join the P and C. If you would like to be on the P and C email distribution list please contact Vanessa Glasgow at vanessa.royle@det.nsw.edu.au.

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Stories from 1T

When I Went to the Beach
One day it was very sunny so my mum and dad said we should go to the beach. I said, “Okay” and my sisters said, “Okay” as well. First we went swimming. Then we went to the rock pools. Next we went exploring. We found a black crab. Later we got a peppermint ice-cream. It was really yummy. I loved it. After that we made enormous sandcastles and I made a tunnel with my dad. Lastly, we went for a swim to cool off. Then we went home. It was the best day ever. I loved it!  

Alyssa

At the Beach
Yesterday afternoon I went to the beach with my mum, dad, Sam and Patrick. While mum was sitting on the sand, Sam and I were collecting shells. Sam collected ten and I collected twenty. After that we went home. I was so tired I went to bed at 7 o’clock. I had a big day!  

Isabella

Minecraft
When I come back from school I play Minecraft. I build houses and I build towers. After that I play with my friends online. I play with my best friends.  

Noah

Minnamurra Rainforest
On Saturday my cousins, my sister, my brother, my dad and I went to Minnamurra Rainforest. It was a big walk to the waterfall. When we got to the waterfall we had some food and we had a look at the waterfall. Then we went down. When we walked down we got an ice-cream. I got a Calippo. Then we went home. When we got home mum asked if we could go to the shops. We got a finger bun. I got half and my brother got half too. My dad got three loaves of bread so we didn’t run out of bread for a long time!  

Tim

Camping
Once I went to a place called Lake Tabourie. When we got there I went to the jumping pillow. Later my mum and dad set up the tent and then I went for a bike ride. We were there for seven days. I was tired.  

Lachlan

My Holiday
Last weekend I went down the coast with my mum. My nan and pop went down the day afterwards. We all stayed in a cabin at Bendalong. When my mum and I got there we put our swimmers on. Then we went to the beach and I got sunburnt on my back. I built sandcastles when I was on the beach. Then we went home and I felt sad.  

Toby

Depos Beach
When Sierra, Emily, Max, Tisne, Isaac and I went to Depos, I got to feed the birds because Max had some seeds. One got on my hand. It was scratchy. I loved it. Every day I went to feed them. I also got to pat the kangaroos. Then Sierra’s sister got beaten up by one. I wish I could go again.  

Kurt

The Weekend
On the weekend I went down the coast. My sister and I slept in a bunk bed together. We had toasted marshmallows. We had a swim in the ocean. Then we jumped on the trampoline. Later we played ping pong and we played with a dog named Roxy. I had fun.  

Mia
Mufti Day for Guide Dogs Australia

On Friday 3 May (first week back Term 2) we will be holding a Mufti day to raise funds for Guide Dogs Australia. On this day, we will be given a talk by Rhonda McCaw with her Guide Dog, ‘Emily’. We ask that a gold coin be donated on the day.

We are also running a colouring competition that is optional and will be judged on the same day. Send your entry in before Friday 3 May.

With thanks
Terese Adamski

SRC Representatives 2013

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as our 2013 SRC representatives.

Jye
Georgia
Zoe
Dalton
Darcy
Jeremy
Samantha
Tazmin
Chloe
Ben
Cameron

Freya
Miles
Zara
Logan
Arwen
Baily
Slater
Cait
Eliza
Emily